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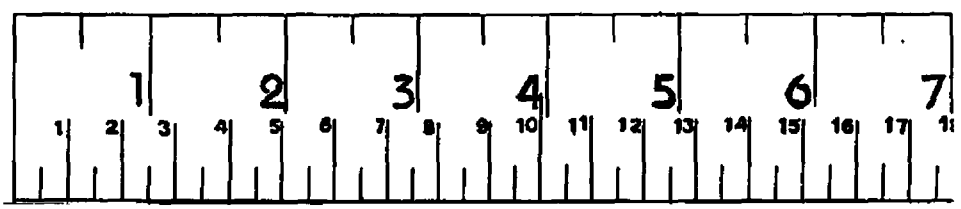

# Gov.r President in Council

at

# Fort St. George.

Para 1 We wrote you last on this Department, under date the 30.th June 1797

2 We enclose you Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, transmitting to us some Papers, Copies of which are likewise enclosed, relative to a Representation received by Lord Grenville of ill treatment experienced by a Wirtemberg Regiment, Prisoners of War at your Presidency. We are unwilling to believe that there can be any foundation for the Complaints enumerated in the Letter to His Lordship from Baron De Reuger, we however direct that they be made the subject of immediate enquiry, the Issue of which must be reported to us by an early conveyance. And if there shall appear to be any reasonable cause of complaint respecting the treatment of that Regiment the same must be instantly remedied.

3 We have permitted Lieutenant Colonel Monnson to return to his duty at your Presidency, and of course

on

on his arrival in India Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson will be considered as entitled to the benefit of the Regulation contained in the 17th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 27th July 1796

6 Mary Mannue, a soldier's wife having obtained two of Mr Latour's Children to England, we have permitted her to return to her husband at your Presidency, and direct in the event of her proceeding on one of the Company's Ships you receive from Mr Latour the expence which will be incurred by the Company on that account, amounting to the Sum of £ 111 -

7 Having taken into consideration the Services of Mr William Duffin, in proposing Reforms in the Medical Department, which were adopted by the Government, and on other points of his Official Duty, we have agreed to present him with the Sum of one thousand Pagodas as a mark of our Approbation of his Conduct, and direct that the same be paid to his Attorney at Madras Mr Duffin not having proceeded to India under the permission given him last year, he is to be considered as having relinquished the Company's Service

Jermuce -

London
the 18th October 1797

We are

Your Loving Friends

| | | | |
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| Signed | Edwd Ramy | Signed | Hugh Inglis |
| " | W Dowdeswell | " | J. Manship |
| " | R. Thornton | " | John Roberts |
| " | Step. Williams | " | Paul Mesnier |
| " | J. Hunter | " | Joseph Cotton |
| " | Chas Grant | " | Thos T Metcalfe |
| " | H Elphinstone | " | W. Bensley |

Wm Strange

# Our President in Council

at

## Fort St George

Para 1 We wrote to you last on this Dispatch

sent under date the 18th October 1797

2 We have since received the following

Advices from your Presidency viz.t

Letter on the Military Department dated 17th March 1797

3 We have permitted the following —

Military Officers to return to their rank on your Establishment

Lieutenant

Lieut.t Colonel I Stevenson

Captains. Alexander Dyce, Capt.t John M. Innes.

Henry Smith Cosby, Augustus Rayo

Thomas Hart Alex.r Grant

Lieutenant — Peter Smith

1 We have resolved to appoint fifty five Cadets for your Presidency this season (1797)

2 Enclosed you will receive a Copy of an order of his Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council licensing the Company to export sundry Garrison Ordnance and Naval Stores to their several Presidencies, and directing the return of Certificates for those landed, you will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required, of such Stores as shall be landed at your Presidency, that we may avoid the heavy forfeitures to which we are liable if the Bonds given to the Crown on this occasion, should be put in suit not taking care, that the Certificates contain an exact Copy of the Indorsement of the Cockets sent by the Ships whereon such stores are laden, and not the particular contents of each package.

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6 We have resolved to appoint fifteen Assistant Surgeons, for your Presidency this season (1797)

7 We have at the request of Lieutenant Peter Smith now returning to his Duty at your Presidency advanced him the Sum of £100 on his giving Bond to Repay the Same within Eighteen Months after his Arrival at Madras by monthly Instalments out of his growing Pay and Allowances, the bond will be sent you a Number in the Packet of the Ship Dover Castle.

8 You have been Regularly advised of our having made advances to several Officers of your Establishment, to be Repaid on their Return to their Duty - And we direct that you transmit to us by the earliest Opportunity a particular Account of periods at which those Advances have been liquidated.

9 We have resolved, that Promotion in our Military Service in consequence of Officers who are in Europe retiring from the Service, shall take place from the date of the General Orders to be issued at our several Presidencies, in consequence of our advising the retirement of Officers in Europe, and that the Pay and Allowances

of

of the Advanced Rank shall commence from the same Period

10 In consequence of your Resolution, which was communicated to you in our Letter in the Revenue Department dated the 15th. June 1793. we now send by the Ship Dover Castle a Sword of the Value of One hundred Guineas and direct that you present it to Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Read, as a testimony of the Sense we entertain of his meritorious Services. -

11 We have resolved that such Gentlemen who may in future be appointed Cadets upon your Establishment while abroad shall severally produce to the Governor and Council the Certificate of their Appointment from our Secretary here, and likewise a satisfactory Proof of their being within the Age presented by the Act of the 33d. Year of His present Majesty, Chap. 52 Sec 50, and that the Governor and Council shall be satisfied, that such Gentlemen are not Foreigners, the Sons of Natives Indians or exceptionable

exceptionable in any other respect -

London
the 2d. March 1798

We are

Your Loving Friends

Signed Edwd Parry
" J. W. Tisbington
" Step.n Williams
" G. W. Thellusson
" John Travers
" R. Thornton

Signed Hugh. Inglis
" Jacob Bosanquet
" Lionel Darell
" John Roberts
" Tho.s T. Metcalfe
" Chas. Grant
" J. Smith Burges
" Joseph Cotton
" W. Bensley

Dr. Sir
Your Orange

# Our Governor in Council

at

## Fort St. George

Para. 1 We have received private information that you have struck off your Army List all Officers in Europe who did not return to their Duty in the Season 1796, and have made promotions of Officers on the Spot to supply their Vacancies. As this is contrary to our Orders of 27th. July 1796, and must be highly injurious

to

to the rights of those Officers who have had their Furlough extended by us, we take the earliest opportunity of giving our directions for correcting this error which may have arisen from your not being regularly advised of our having granted further leave of absence to Officers on Europe — which will in future be done:

2 We now direct that all Officers on the Establishment abovementioned who have had our permission to return to their Duty be posted in their proper Stations in your Army on their arrival according to their Rank conformably to our Orders of the 27th July 1796, and all those who have been promoted to their prejudice can only receive the Pay and Allowances of every Kind to which they were entitled by the Rank they held previous to such their promotion —

3 Cornet John Burges Halsey, having accepted a Commission in His Majesty's 11th Regiment of Dragoons his name is to be struck off the List of your Army from the date of this Letter

11 Lieutenant John Jeremiah Meyer who advised his arrival in Europe in February 1794.

Not

not having since applied for Permission either to remain in Europe or to return to his Duty, we direct that his Name be also struck off your Army List

London
the 11th March 1798

We are
Your Loving Friends

(Signed) Geo. Smith
" Edwd. Parry
" J. Smith Burges
" Jas. Travers
" Chs. Grant
" Steph. Williams
" John Roberts
" G. H. Rose

(Signed) Hugh Inglis
" Jacob Bosanquet
" R. Thornton
" Thos. T. Metcalfe
" John Manship
" Thos. Fitzhugh
" J. Hunter
" Step. Lushington
" W. Bensley
" A. Toone
" Paul Le Mesurier

Our

# Our Governor in Council

at

## Fort St. George

Para 1 We wrote you last on the 11th March last Answer to the letters in the Military Department dated the 3d October 1796 –

20th January 1797

2 We shall by the present Conveyance reply to your letters in the Military Department of the 3d October 1796 and 20th January 1797

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 3d October 1796

Para 1. Mentions the date of the last dispatch

Call for Answer to the Court's letter of the 17th February 1796 } 3 Need no reply

12 Full Batta allowed to Colel Smith until he shall be promoted or placed in Command } 4 We have perused the letter from Colonel Smith of the 1st August 1796, and for the reasons therein assigned and under the latitude given you by our Orders of the 15th January

January 1796 approve of your Resolution for continuing to him the full Batta of a Lieutenant Colonel until he shall be promoted or placed on a full Batta Station

(5) Answer to the Counts Letter of the 17th Feb.y 1796 continued } 5 Needs no reply

(6) Mir Salary of Pagodas (100) one Hundred a month annexed to the office of Persian Translator to the Commander in Chief } 6 We observe what is stated on the 3d Para of your Letter on the Political Department of the 7th March 1797 upon this Subject, but we are of opinion that a Salary of Pagodas (100) one Hundred a Month to the Office of Persian Translator to the Commander in Chief including office Establishment and every other charge, is an adequate compensation for the discharge of its duties, to which Sum it must be for the future reduced

(7) Answer to the Counts Letter of the 1st of January 1796 continued } 7 Needs no reply

(17 & 18) Recommendation to give the Senior Cavalry officers a Seat at the Military Board

8 Having already decided for the reasons assigned by the Governor General in Council upon the inutility of the appointments of a Cavalry Officer to a Seat at your Military Board, and as your Commander in Chief when he stated the convenience that would result to the public Service from the Measure, recorded no specific reasons for his Opinion we have not thought proper to yield to your recommendation in this respect

(19 & 21) Answer to the Courts Letter of the 17th February 1796 continued

9 Vide more fully

(22) Allowance to the Senior Engineer on the Spot per Month

10 We approve of your Resolution respecting the Allowances to the Senior Engineer on the Spot as advised in this Paragraph

(23 & 24) Answer to the Courts Letter of the 17th February 1796 concluded

(25 & 26) Answer to the Courts Letters of the 7th April and 6th May 1796

11 Vide more fully

Mil/In Commendation of the Deputy Auditor Genl Captain Brunton and of the Assistant Captains Bruce

17. This testimony to the merits of the Deputy Military Auditor General Captain Brunton and the Assistant Captain Bruce, is highly creditable to those Gentlemen In the 15th Para of your subsequent dispatch of the 20th January 1797, you recommended to us to annex the Rank of Major to the — appointment of Deputy Military Auditor General upon the principal which induced us to grant it to the Officers holding the — Stations of Deputy Adjutant General and deputy quarter Mr General But we must observe that the cases are by no means similar The last mentioned Officers are constantly employed on Military Duty, whilst the the Deputy Military Auditor General is entirely exempt therefrom. But although for the reason here stated, we have thought proper to decline a compliance with the recommendation for granting advanced Rank to the Deputy Military Auditor

General

General Capt.n Brunton you will have observed by the 53d. Paragraph of our Letter of the 20th. June last, that we have acknowledged the merits of his Services in a much more substantial manner by appointing him to succeed to the Post of Military Auditor General

115 Resolved that the Allowances formerly drawn by the Volunteers against Master General and Deputies, shall be consolidated under the head of Staff Allowances and that they shall draw and Batta be drawn on the Regimental Extract Full Batta not to be given to any Officer under Rank of Colonel when Commanding in the Field

13 In the Arrangement of Allowances formerly drawn by the two Staff Officers first mentioned in this Paragraph, the full Batta of Lieutenant Colonel was included, and that of Major in their Deputies Allowances by consolidating these Allowances therefore and allowing them the Off.s and Batta of their Regimental Rank in addition thereto, they draw Batta of two descriptions which is not only contrary to the General Rules of the Service, but also to our intention in our Arrangement respecting Batta generally to the Officers of your Army that any addition on this account should be made

to

to the Emoluments of Officers already receiv-
=ing Batta

11 Although therefore we do not
disapprove the Consolidation referred to,
under the head of Staff Allowance we cannot,
for the reasons above stated admit of the +
Batta of their Regimental Bank being drawn
by the Adjutant and Quarter master +
General or their Deputies who are to receive
an addition to their Staff Allowances the
pay only of their Regimental Rank while
these Posts are held by Field Officers and
their Regimental pay and Gratuity when
held by Officers of inferior Ranks —

Your resolution contained
in the latter part of this Paragraph has our
approbation —

16) Horse allowances to the Officers of the Cavalry

15 We disapprove of the high
rate at which you have fixed the Horse Al-
lowances to the Officers of Cavalry — Infinite
only Pagodas (36) thirty six P month are

to

to be allowed to the Colonel Commandant and Field Officers, and Pagodas (M) twenty four per month to the Captains and Captain Lieutenants, agreeably to an adjustment of those Allowances on the Military Lists of the 19th June 1792.

Will keep up the balances from the late contractors for Army Clothing

16 We highly approve of your proceedings for ascertaining and recovering the balance in the hands of the Contractors for Clothing the Army. We have already had occasion to advert to this Subject in our Letter of the 20th June last, and we rely upon the continuance of your exertions, from time to time, for guarding the Company from any Losses under Contracts of what nature soever they may be.

Will keep up the Balances from the late Paymaster of Ceylon as mostly due by some of the Executors the remainder due by the other

17 We notice with satisfaction this further instance of your attention to the Company's Interests, and we desire that you acquaint us whether the remaining monies of the 3 Loans due by the late Paymaster of Ceylon

Ongole has been discharged

No 1 Captain Thomas Blackmore of the Intelligence Vessel 30/ contains a List of Casualties

No 2 3/ forwarding a Map of the Nyzams Dominions by Captain Mackenzie, and recommending him to be appointed Surveyor Genl &c

18 Nov. no reply

19 Captain Mackenzie's Map of the Nyzams Dominions with the Memo explanatory of its construction has been submitted to the inspection of Major Rennell

Whenever the expediency of appointing a Surveyor General upon your Coast, shall come under our consideration Captain Mackenzie's pretensions, and your recommendation of him for that Office will be attended to -

No 3/ Answering the receipt of a Letter of Lieutenant Thomas Hart

No 4 5/ Proceedings to be forwarded by the next conveyance

20 Nov. no reply

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated the 20th January 1797

Para.ˢ of Instructions the date of the last dispatch

2.ᵈ Consolidated to be forwarded by the next conveyance

21 And no reply

3.ᵈ Claim of Lieut.ᵗ Butler to the Brevet Rank of Captain

22 As it appears that Lieutenant Butler was not regularly admitted into the Service until October 1788. his Claim to the Brevet Rank of Captain under the late Military Regulations cannot be admitted

4.ᵗʰ Grant of Deputy Commissary recommended for Commission

23 In consequence of the merits and long Services of Mr. Deputy Commissary Grant as represented in Major General Hoyd's letter to Lord Hobart of the 21.ˢᵗ June 1796 we direct that he be appointed the youngest Lieutenant Fireworker on your Corps of Artillery upon the receipt hereof

5.ᵗʰ & 6.ᵗʰ Claims of Captain Symes for an Establishment and Superintendant out of Bengal 1790 and reimbursement from 1st Jan.ʸ 1760) seven hundred and sixty Pags unaccounted by him of Advances made

24 From what has been stated by Captain Symes in his letter of the 19.ᵗʰ July 1796 it appears the Sum received from the Bengal Contractor was more than equal to the Establishment authorized to his Captain

Symes

Symes) successor, therefore, and as we have Letter of the 11th June 1796 he advanced no Claims for further Sums for the reason therein given, we cannot admit of any allowance on this account

25 In regard to the Sum of Seven hundred and Sixty Pagodas, unaccounted from Advances made by Captain Symes, as there appears to be no reason for doubting his assertions as to this loss, we consent to it being made good to him.

W. H. Appointment of Captain Pierce to be Secretary to the Military Board

26 We have perused Lord Hobart's Minute of the 20th September 1796, and for the reasons therein assigned, approve of the Appointment of Captain Pierce to be Secretary to the Military Board.—

12. Necessary to receive explanations from Persons by the Commissary General of Stores of the causes of the differences in the Indents

27 Needs no reply

13. Explanations of the Commissary General of Stores (Colonel Hardy) on the Subject of some unfounded irregularity in his Department

28 We have attended to the explanations of your Commissary General of Stores

in reply to the Minutes of the Chief Engineer, to which we took occasion to refer in the 56th Para of our Military Despatch of the 17th Feby 1796 should suppose to the Military Board in consequence of the discussion which has taken place between these two Officers, that no further checks are necessary to be established in the Ordnance Department or any other Department of Military Expenditure, we direct that no more be forthwith established. At the same time we must remark that the testimony you have borne to the Zeal and Integrity of Lieutenant Colonel Hall the present Surveyor General of Stores is highly honourable to that Gentleman's character

No application from Country Military Officers that they may rank from the time of their Services

20th In answer to this Paragraph we must refer you to our Resolutions communicated in the 8th Paragraph of our Military Despatch of the 9th February 1792 a duplicate from which, respecting the rank of the several Military Officers therein alluded

alluded to cannot now be admitted

1817 Recommendation to confer the rank of Major on Captain Brandon the Deputy Military Auditor General

30 Already replied to

1819 Alteration of the System with respect to Buildings and Repairs

31 It affords us great pleasure to observe that you have so far anticipated the orders contained in the 8th and following Paragraphs of our Military Letter of the 20th June 1817, as to have framed new regulations for the conduct of all future public Buildings and Repairs under your Presidency. If experience shall evince the necessity of any alteration or addition to those regulations for the more effectual correction of former abuses in this branch of Expenditure, we have the most confident reliance that the same will be prepared and carried into execution of the measures that have been taken respecting the other points mentioned in our before-mentioned despatch you will

mill of courts martial &c.

24 22 Observations relative to Major General Doyle's allowances

32 We cannot admit of any deviation from our Orders of the 6th. May 1795 relative to the time at which the Company's allowances to Major General Doyle and his Staff were to commence.

28 22 Observations on the temporary establishment of Cavalry

23 In the 38th Para. of the dispatch to which we are now replying, we are advised that, in consequence of the arrival of the additional Regiment of European Cavalry, the three temporary troops of Cavalry, here alluded to were broken up.

28 Relative to the expediency of appointing the Commander of the Cavalry to act at the Military Board

31 Already replied to

29 Contracts for Cast Iron

30 Ordering the Arrival of the Dockmen from St. Helena

31 Engineer Branch of the Infantry transferred to the Engineers

35 Need no reply

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36 Having had reference to the Report entered on your Consultation of the 27th. Nov.r 1776 in reference of the orders you have given for putting the Hill Fort of Rajecottah on your Western Frontier, into a compleat State of defence. We direct that the estimated expence of Rupees (10,500) Ten thousand five hundred for this work will not be exceeded, of which you will advise us and as well as of the manner in which the same has been executed

36/ Vol.r Report that the Fort of Rajecottah is put into a compleat State of defence

37 Need not reply

37/ The Men of the 73d Regiment to be draughted, and the Officers sent to Europe the 73d Regiment to be embarked for the Cape early in the Season

37/ The Land 19th Regiment of Foot and 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons doing duty under the orders of the Hon.ble Sir Robert Pigot the 27th Regiment of Light Dragoons has embarked for Bengal

38 38/Supplying Horses for the Cavalry

We have much satisfaction in observing that through the exertions of Lieutenant Montgomery an Market has been established for the annual Supply of Horses from the Cutch and Guzzerat Countries, by which your Cavalry can be constantly kept up, without any dependence upon the Native Powers of India for such Supply, and we approve of this having been at Loweder Pagodas (200) two Hundred per month during the time he was employed on that Service. Although you are of opinion that a dependence may thus be placed on receiving annually a sufficient Supply of Horses, for the Casualties in the several Regiments of Cavalry both Europe and Native on your Coast it may admit of a doubt whether this Channel can be relied on as a Means of Certainty without any of the native powers We therefore approve of your intention to persevere in the experiment making under the management of Captains Evans for

for raising Horses on the Northern Circuit.

But whether it shall, after a reasonable time be found to answer on the score of economy, upon a scale sufficiently large to secure a regular and adequate Supply, we direct that you advise us

30 We observe by Mr. Montgomery's Letter of the 2nd. January 1797 that he laid before you a Sketch of his different stages in traversing the Peninsula of Guzzerat, and the neighbouring District of Cutch, and we direct that a Copy of that Paper be transmitted to us, as it may probably contain some new and useful information relative to the Geography of those Countries

Sept. 1st Yeguta sworn Lieutenant & Cadet of 1782 to be promoted the Vacant Vacancy Captain

31 This Subject being connected with the new Military Arrangements will be replied to in a Separate Dispatch

Oct. 11 Appointment of Lieut. Col. Vanrenhagen

41 Already replied to

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Doubt Eng
Ad Complt of
the military force
will be proceed
to England on
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162 . Nine months

163 We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Ranks on your Establishment Viz.t

. Brevet Lieut.t Col.o Charles Carlisle

. Major Robert Bell

Lieut. Benjamin Hounsom

164 Captain James Cunningham whom we have appointed Adjutant to the 2d Regiment of Royal East India Volunteers has permission to remain in England till our further orders

165 We have permitted Lieutenants . Mark Wilks and Alexander . Macleod to remain in England till next Season

166 The following Officers have retired from our Service Viz.t

Lieutenant

Lieutenant Colonel Archer Crosbie Younge

Henry Matcham

James Campbell

Lieut. John Holland on half

Pleas pension you will therefore discontinue
their names on the List of your Army on your
Establishment

117 We have appointed the following
Assistant Surgeons for your Regiment in
part of the number we agreed to appoint
this Season 1797 Viz.t

Mess.rs Thomas Todd Mardon

Gavin Trotter

Alfred Jones

Charles Elliott Hannison

Robert Adamson

William Inglefield

William Thomas

Andrew Jukes

Aaron Fryer

Macduff Cordiner

Jeremiah Seamman

18 We have ordered that Mr. Gilbert
Surgeon's Mate's name have been struck
out of Assistant Surgeon in your Establish-
ment proposed that upon his Examination
by your Medical Board he shall appear
Qualified, and in the hands of the Commissioners
the Commands which are hereunto
annexed

19 We have permitted the Com-
manders of Ships in the Company's Service
to receive, but upon no consideration to
exceed the Sum of £100 Annually for
the Entertainment and accommodation of their
Pilots, & one Warrant Steward of such Ves-
sels Officers, Assistant Surgeons and
Cadets as may return to Europe by order
& upon Government expence, for the
recovery of their health on Leave of the Com-
manders in the Regulations referred
to in our Letter of the 31st August 1769

20 Upon application having been made

to

to your Government Lay upon of His Ma-
jestys Officers to be allowed Passage. How
an account of their return to Europe on the
Recruiting Service, are desired that your
Secretary to them should be responsible for
such Officers obtaining Certificates from
the Commander in Chief of His Majestys
Troops at your Presidency stating such to
be the reason of their quitting India,
and upon this being received by us by the
Secretary at War, that those Officers are
actually posted on the Recruiting Com-
panies of their several Regiments in
England, and have been ordered home
upon that Service, we shall be disposed
to grant the usual Allowance of Passage
Money according to their respective Ranks
and not otherwise

51 The few Recruits we have
been able to procure this Season will be em-
ployed on the Ships Hillsborough and Edenbo-
rough

for Bengal and Ushelay for Madras and in consequence of an Intimation from one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Recruits are enlisted for the term of ten years instead of five and consist of Lads not less than 16 years of Age and 5 feet 1 Inch high and Men not exceeding twenty five years of Age nor less than five feet two Inches high.

We are

Your Lordships Most

London
the 28th May 1798

Obedient Humble Servants

J. Sigmund Jacob Bamberger
" J. W.m Pilkington
" W Decaynez
" S. Roberts
" J. Hunter
" George Stokes
" Simon Fraser
" John Travers
" Hon.r Henry
" Joseph Cotton
" H. Bensley
" John Roberts
" Step.n Williams
" Chas. Wells

Sir

# Gov^r Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

Para 1 By the present Despatch we shall Make our Remarks on your proceedings Relative to the New Army Arrangement directed by our Separate Letter of the 8th January 1796 —

2 Before we enter into the Detail of the several Heads of that Arrangement, we shall here take notice of the directions from the Governor General in Council for promoting the Officers of your Establishment to the Brevet Rank they are entitled to under the general Brevets granted on His Majesty's Service with a Retrospect to the period of the 9th July 1783. and, in granting to Officers so promoted the Rank they Annex. —

3 We observe on the Military Regulations of your Government framed since we left you during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell a Standing Order "That Batta is allowed to His Majesty's Officers — according

"according to their Local or Batta Rank", and altho we have not been able to trace a similar Regulation at the other Presidencies the allowance of Batta to the Company's Officers on the Occasion now alluded to, is founded on the general Rule laid down with respect to His Majesty's Officers —

11 The Expense to the Company by the measure of granting the Batta in arrear is very considerable amounting at Bengal to upwards of two Lacs of Sonaut Rupees, and although from the different — Stations where the Officers of your Establishment were serving at some of which no Batta was formerly allowed it is impossible to calculate the Expense in this Account must form a material addition to the above, Sum. The Batta will be under the Resolutions of the Supreme Government continues on a great degree of Economy to what not promoted by the new Arrangement & the late Ranks they held as Brevet

But the future Expense however considerable is not the only present Consideration every future Promotion to Brevet Rank the extent cannot

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be known will increase the amount and upon a ground that has no reference to length of Service but merely to a temporary or local Rise to His Majesty's Service; we therefore positively direct that from the receipt of these orders the same be discontinued, and that no Officer either in His Majesty's Regiments serving in India or in the Company's Service be allowed higher Batta than that to which he is entitled by his Regimental Rank

6 We shall now remark on the several points of Military Arrangement under the Heads detailed in our Dispatch of the 8th January 1796.

## Establishment of Corps

### European Artillery

7 Considering the importance of that Corps we direct that an addition be made to the present Establishment of 40 Matrosses each Battalion

### European Infantry

We have been assured of His Majesty's intention

addition to their Establishment Five Regiments of Infantry serving in the East Indies by forming them into 10 Companies of 100 Rank and File each, and in order to preserve as much as practicable uniformity between His Majesty's and the Company's European Infantry, we have Resolved that the future Establishment shall be formed as to make a Regiment of the same Strength.

9 Each Regiment therefore to consist of

1 Colonel
2 Lieutenant Colonels } Each to have a Company
2 Majors
7 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant
14 Lieutenants
10 Ensigns
18 Sergeants
60 Corporals
20 Drummers & Fifers
1100 Privates
20 Pioneers

With Staff &c. as at present

10 . The Establishment which on a due consideration of all the circumstances connected with this arrangement we have Resolved on for your Presidency is one Regiment of European Infantry of the foregoing Strength. —

11 . And as by the latest Returns we have seen there will be a great number of Cadets and Field Supernumerary to the above Establishment we direct that the whole of these or such part as can be conveniently spared be transferred to Bengal where the deficiency of Europeans is very considerable —

12 Such of the Supernumerary Non-Commissioned as you may think proper may also be sent to Bengal the Men under are to continue attached to the European Regiment until by Casualties the number is Reduced to the Establishment now directed

## Native Infantry

13 . As the late Commander in Chief's Construction of Our Orders of the 8th January 1796 in Respect

respect to his proposal for forming the two Battalions
comprising the Detachment with the Nizam into an
Eleventh Regiment of Infantry to be warranted by these
orders. We shall frame ours determination on that
subject.

11 To provide for the Officers when
by the foregoing Directions reducing the European
Infantry will become supernumerary and in
consequence of the Strong Recommendation contained
in the 16th Paragraph of your Military Letter of the
16th August 1796 as to the Establishment of Native
Infantry which we your selves are absolutely Requi-
site for the protection of our Possessions on the Coast
we have Resolved that another Regiment of Native
Infantry shall be added to your present Establishment
making the whole number Regiments

13 But as we are of opinion that the
Peace Establishment of each Regiment of Native
Infantry on Private Pay ought to be larger than with
prosperity might be, the new Regiments to
consist of 1000 Privates and may be raised from

the

the four extra Battalions and by Drafts from the other Regiments the whole of which as Casualties occur are to be Reduced to that number. —

16 It is not however our intention that in any case, especially during War, the Supernumerary Sepoys fit for service should be disbanded. They will continue attached to the Regiments on the usual Pay &c. until Reduced by Casualties to the Strength now directed, and with the Establishment of 100 Recruits annexed to each Regiment of Sepoys as proposed by the late Commander in Chief which we highly approve we apprehend there will be no difficulty in augmenting the Regiments when Circumstances may require it. —

17 We approve notwithstanding our former Orders of the Second Lieutenant Colonel, and Second Major in each Native Regiment having Companies also of the Appointment of a Sergeant Major, Quarter Master Sergeant, Drums and Fife Major to each Battalion

18 We do not disapprove of the

Appointment

Appointment of an Adjutant and Quarter Master
one Person to each Native Regiment for the reasons
assigned by our Commander in Chief in India —

19 Having attended to the observa-
tions of your late Commander in Chief relative to
the employment of a Native Adjutant to each Native
Regiment, we admit of the continuation of that
Appointment for the present, but as it is unquestion-
ably incumbent on European Officers, serving with
with Native Corps in General, and more particularly
on the European Adjutants to make themselves
acquainted with the language of the Natives they
they Command, we trust they will strictly attend
to this important point of their Duty and as General
Clarke has admitted there may be some exceptions to
the Appointments of Native Adjutants, that these may
gradually be discontinued without prejudice to the
Service.

Native Cavalry

20 We have duly considered the Memo-

of

of your late Commander in Chief on the Orders for the Reduction of the Establishment of this Corps and the Letter from the principal Officers of Cavalry on that Subject, together with your observations thereon on the 7th Paragraph of your Military Letter of the 16th August 1796.—

21 It was not without mature deliberation that we directed the present Establishment, and we still continue of opinion that it is proper and that any increase beyond the present number of Regiments is unnecessary

22 From what has been urged on the Papers alluded to, above, and from an attentive Perusal of our former Orders we are however induced to admit of the proposed Augmentation on each Regiment which will therefore consist of

1 Lieutenant Colonel

1 Major

2 Captains

1 Captain Lieutenant

2 Lieut

6 Lieutenants

6 Cornets

2 Sergeants

6 Subadars

12 Jemadars

24 Havildars

24 Naigues

6 Trumpeters

120 Privates

6 Puckalies

23 The whole Corps to be Commanded by a Colonel Commandant as before directed.

24 As the Bengal Government have recommended that a Surgeon and an Assistant Surgeon should be attached to each Regiment of Madras Cavalry which we have approved, we direct that the same Establishment take place at your Presidency

## Appointments and Promotions

25 Having reconsidered that part of

Your

our Orders of the 8th January 1796 which relates to the
passing over Such Lieutenant Colonels as may be con-
sidered unfit for the Commands of Regiments or Battalions
in the several Corps or to be Chief Engineers as also the
application of the same principle to the promotion
of Colonels to be Major Generals, we have thought proper
to direct that the same be rescinded -

26 On the most mature and deliberate Attention to all that has been urged in objection to the principle laid down in our orders of the date aforementioned of Promotion by Regimental Succession, we have seen nothing to induce us to depart from that Rule which is therefore to be abided by with the following Modification Viz.t,

## European Infantry

27 That the Officers be promoted by Seniority in the Regiment

## Native Infantry

28 That the Officers be promoted by

by Seniority in their respective Regiments to the Rank of Major, and afterwards to the higher Ranks by Seniority in the whole Corps –

## Native Cavalry

29 That under the Alterations in this Corps now authorized, the Officers be promoted by Seniority in their respective Regiments to the Rank of Major, and afterwards to the higher Ranks by Seniority in the whole Corps

## Paymasters

30 We are not yet advised of your having taken into consideration our Orders for appointing a Paymaster to each Regiment or Battalion, but as the Subject has undergone a Discussion by the Supreme Government who have stated Reasons, and to our conviction, Solid objections to the System directed, we have agreed to dispense with its being carried into execution, and if for the same, or equally forcible Reasons, you shall be of opinion with the Governor General in Council that it will not

not be for the good of the Service that it should be established at your Presidency we authorize you to act accordingly

## General Officers on the Staff

31 Your resolution for granting the allowances of Generals on the Staff to the four Senior Officers of the Kings and the Company's Troops holding the Rank of Major General has our concurrence, considering it as a temporary measure, and that long before this time you will have made the Selection of Generals on the Staff directed by the new Arrangement

## Pay and Allowances

32 Under this Head we shall take notice of Resolutions for granting certain allowances to Officers not warranted by, or in direct opposition to our Orders -

1st Officers not holding the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel or upwards the Commands of native Regiments or Battalions desire to draw the Batta of the Rank above their Regimental Rank

Said

33 This Resolution is said to be founded upon the existing Regulations since that being the case, we have no objection to the measure or to your extending it to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel when the Command of a Regiment devolves on an Officer of that Rank in the absence of the Colonel, conformable to the Practice in Bengal; but we must at the same time clearly understood, that the Supernumerary Batta is in no instance to be allowed where an Officer of higher Rank is present with the Regimental Battalion than the Colonel is serving with the Regiment, or in either of the Battalions of which the Field Officers next in Command of a Battalion with which the Colonel is so serving is not to draw Batta superior to that which he is entitled to by his Regimental Rank —

V. The Second Lieutenant Colonels and Second Majors to receive the Regimental Allowances of those Ranks —

31 . Although this is in direct contradiction to our Orders, and should have been first referred to us for our Sanction, yet for the Reasons assigned we shall not object to it

39

35. Captains Lieutenants of the new Establishment and all Subalterns now on the Service when promoted to that Rank Allowed additional Pay of one Shilling per Day

35 The Rank of Captain Lieutenant has not existed in our Service for many years prior to the New Arrangement and in directing the Allowances of that Rank we have in View that Persons holding Offices of the same Rank in his Majesty's Regiments of Foot to whom no such additional Pay was heretofore allowed their Pay being made equal to that of Lieutenants in our Service

36 And whereas the Addition authorized by the Superior Government to Officers of that Establishment was given under an Idea of its being necessary to support the Character and Consequence of their Rank, we have consented thereto and to its taking effect throughout our Service

11. Brevet Captains allowed

~~the~~ Rank of Captains

37 When the new Army Arrangement of 1st January 1790, we granted the Brevet Rank of

of Captain to Lieutenants, who had been fifteen years in
Our Service, Was expressly directed, that it should not
entitle them to receive any additional Allowances in
consequence, the increase of Expense by the measure now
under description must be considerable, and this deviation
from our Orders, should therefore have been submitted
to our decision, previous to its being adopted by
the Governor General in Council

38 Under our Orders above given
Relative to Brevet Rank, it is impossible for us to concur
in the measure, but in Order to shew our inclination
to render the Situations of Officers of this description
as a pecuniary view consonant to the Respectability of
their Rank, We shall object to your Allowing Brevet
Captains who stand in a very different situation,
from Officers advanced beyond their Regimental Rank
merely on account of Brevet Rank granted to His
Majesty's Officers in addition to their usual Pay and
Allowances of Lieutenant to One Rupee a day

39 We do not think it proper, to comply
with the Request of the Lieutenants of your Establishment

Cadets

Cadets of 1782 to be promoted to Captains by Brunet,
Referred to in the 39th Para of your Military Letter of
the 20th January 1797, on account of the Additional
Expence that will be occasioned thereby

10 The Colonel Commandant of Cavalry,
when not a General Officer on the Staff, by our Orders
of 8th January 1796, was to be allowed 125 Pagodas per
Month, but on further consideration of the importance
of this Officers charge, we have consented to his drawing
the same Allowances, as the Colonel Commandant of
Artillery, from the Receipt of this Letter -

11 The Period at which you Resolved
that the Regulations for payment of the Army under
the new Arrangement should have effect, Viz^t the 1st
June 1796 has met with our Approbation -

12 We have given Serious Attention
to the Arguments urged by your late Commander in
Chief, Relative to the introduction of Equality, in
the Allowances to Officers throughout our Service,
and highly Applaud the Moderation and Forbear-
ance of General Clarke, in declining to Recommend
further

further Additions to those Noticed above, on Account of the very sensible effect, as he has properly termed it, which an Increase, on the Instances, he alludes to, would have on the Finances of your Government-

13 It was not on slight considerations, that we were induced to make distinctions in the Allowances to our Officers, at the different Presidencies, but from an Attention to the Relative Situations, extent, and Responsibility, of the Respective Services, which justified those distinctions, some exceptions, as the General observes, will Start out of every Rule, and there are many Reasons, which might be urged, if we thought it necessary, to shew the policy and propriety of our Orders, in Respect to the difference in the Allowances Assigned to certain Ranks and Posts, Referred to particularly by the Commander in Chief

14 Our Officers serving under your Presidency, will, we have no doubt, feel the Force of the Generals observations, that the Islands we have sent out, are liberal upon the whole, and will entertain a grateful

grateful Sense, of the Additional Advantages and comforts, thereby annexed to their Situations, without viewing through our invidious, and Jealous medium, those of their Brother Officers under the Bengal Government. - In fact, the only just view in which the point can be considered, is, that the Emoluments of Individuals should be equal to the Stations they occupy, and on that principle we cannot perceive, there will be any ground, — generally Speaking, for dissatisfaction. In some points, more has been granted, than was asked, or expected, and it must be evident, that the indulgences extended to the Officers, in our Military Service, by the new Arrangement, we have made very considerable pecuniary Sacrifices, and have added greatly, to the Burthens of our Finances

Off Reckonings

115 . No remarks appear necessary on this Head

. Medical Department

116 We consent for the reasons Stated to the continuance of the Title of Physician General, to the

the first Member of the Hospital Board, in Compliment to Dr Anderson, who now holds that Station, but as this Title may not always duly designate the Office, the Senior Member who succeeds Dr Anderson, will with more propriety be Styled President of the Hospital Board.

11th I am what has been urged against the Separation of the Civil and Military Lines, of the Medical profession, may be induced to make our former Directions, and to form the whole Medical Corps, as at present, to Rise in one General List, those who are Appointed to Civil Stations, must be considered as equally liable to be Recalled upon Military Service, according to the practice, Authorized at Bengal; Wherever however, that it be made a Standing Regulation in future, that if any Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon, holding a Civil Appointment, shall decline, to take upon him the Duties, of the Military Line of the profession, when called upon for that purpose, he shall be considered, as having

totally

totally relinquished all pretensions to future promotion in that Line, to the Charge of a General Hospital, or a Seat at the Hospital Board, nor shall they, henceforth, be entitled to the benefits of Furlough, or Retirement from the Service

18 We have attended to the representation of the Hospital Board, Schedule an Increase in the Salaries to the Members of that Board, and to Head Surgeons, also respecting the periods of Services Required, to entitle them to their Pay on Retirement, but we do not think proper to Comply with Requests; as we are of opinion, there is no Real cause for Complaint on the part of the Gentlemen in that Department, as to their present Incomes, or the Promotions made for them in future, by the new Arrangement, in which we are concurred they have neither been neglected or even looked

Furlough

19 With a view to prevent Officers Remaining in Europe beyond the period of the Furlough established by your Orders of the 8th. Janu-

ary

January 1796, we have Resolved, that no Officer
who's Furlough may have been extended beyond
three years in consequence of Representations of the
State of his health, shall be Allowed his Pay on
Furlough for more than two years and a half
unless on returning to his duty when another half
years pay may be Advanced. —

50 We have agreed to extend the Indulgences of pay on Furlough and Retirement to the Military Chaplains in our Service under the following Regulations

51 That Chaplains Attached to the Army or Military Stations be allowed to come home on Furlough for three years with the full Pay of their Corresponding Rank in the Military Establishment Viz. that of Captain —

52 That no Military Chaplains shall be permitted to come home on Furlough with such Pay who has not been Resident in India seven years unless in cases of Certified Ill Health —

53 That the proportion of Military

Chaplains

Chaplains to be permitted to come home on Furlough be left to the discretion of the Respective Governments in India —

Returning from the Service

54 That Military Chaplains after eighteen years Service in India, Three years for one Furlough being included shall be Allowed to Retire from the Service

55 That the Pay to Military Chaplains so returning to be the same as that allowed to them when on Furlough & Regt. Captains Pay or the 10 Rs. a day

56 That no Chaplain be allowed to Retire on such Pay, who has not Served ten years at a Military Station

57 That no Chaplain be entitled to retire on such Pay who does not produce ample Testimonials of his having discharged his Duty as a Clergyman faithfully and diligently and also of his good Conduct and behaviour in General such Testimonials to be transmitted through the Government under which the

the Chaplains were serving with the Opinion of the Government thereon. —

58 As we have been informed that — General Officers or Colonels on Command of Regiments, Battalions, or Corps do not consider themselves called on under the new Regulation respecting Furloughs and Retirement to make the Declaration required by those Regulations of their intention of retiring from the Service within twelve Months after their Arrival in England, we think it necessary to state explicitly that all Officers of whatever Rank or description are to abide by the Rules prescribed on this Subject.

59 The great benefit to the Service by the indulgence granted to Officers of retiring after a certain number of years on their Pay must be a sufficient proof of the attention we have shewn to their Comfort and Happiness, and we Order still further to express this Sentiment and to afford every Assistance to Officers who from ill health may not be able to continue in India the time prescribed

prescribed in the Regulations on this head, we have consented to an extension of this indulgence in the following Manner Viz.t

60 That without Requiring any specific period of Service, every Officer who has by Regular Promotion attained the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, or Captain Lieutenant and whose ill state of health renders it unpossible for him to continue to serve in India, be Allowed to retire from the Service on the half pay of his Rank —

61 And as Cases may occur where the Constitution of some of our Officers may not be able to support the Climate of India for a period Sufficient to their obtaining promotion above the Rank of — Subaltern we have agreed to permit a Lieutenant, on the Establishment after having served thirteen years in India, and an Ensign, Lieutenant Fire Worker, or Cornet, after having Served nine years, excluding each a Furlough of three years, to retire on the half pay of their Respective Ranks.—

62 If any Officer of the Rank of — Lieutenant

Lieutenant whose Constitution may be so impaired as to prevent the possibility of his continuing in India has not served the period prescribed above, he may be permitted to retire from the Service for the half pay of Ensign

63 Provided that in every instance of Officers returning under the condition above Specified the Governments in India, and the Court of Directors shall be satisfied that such Officers intention of returning from the Service is founded upon a real inability from ill health of his longer continuing to serve in India, and does not arise from Caprice, or any other Cause which might render the provision to be made for him by the foregoing Regulations unnecessary

64 For this purpose it will be indispensably necessary that the most ample Certificates should be required from every Officer wishing to avail himself of the indulgences now proposed to be granted

65 In all cases of Officers returning

their

their Pay or half pay is to be the same as that of Officers of Infantry as prescribed in our Separate letter of the 8th January 1796 under this head

66 In Order to prevent inducements to Officers to resign the Service by the Clandestine Sales of Commissions, a practice which in no Case can be Admitted, we think it proper to direct that every Officer who shall apply for leave to retire from the Service on the Pay or half pay of his Rank shall declare upon Oath, that neither he himself nor any other person for him to his knowledge has Received or will in future receive directly or indirectly, any compensation or gratification pecuniary or otherwise from any person or persons whatsoever for such his Retirement and if notwithstanding this Restriction any Such practice shall be discovered the Officer Receiving or permitting to be received, any compensation for his Retiring shall not thereafter be entitled to his pay on Retirement but shall Nevertheless be considered as entirely out of the Service and the Officer or

Officers

Officers who may be termed to have effected or granted any compensation or gratification to those of higher Rank for Leaving Shall not be allowed the benefit of the provision thereby required but it Shall be competent for the Government under which the parties concerned serve, to promote another Officer to the Rank held in the Regiment or Battalion by the Officer Returning. —

## Rates of Passage Money

67 You have already been informed of the Regulations on this Subject established by your Order of the 7th July 1796, since which we have thought proper to direct that the Sums allowed to be taken by the Commanders of our Ships for the Passage and Accommodation at their Tables homeward bound of such Subaltern Officers, Officers Assistant Surgeons, and Cadets as may return to Europe by order of your Government except for the Recovery of their health, Shall be reduced to 1000 Arcot Rupees

## Allowance of Passage Money to Subaltern Officers

68 Pursuant to reference from the Supreme Government we have agreed, that Subaltern Officers

holding

holding only the Brevet Rank of Captain shall be allowed Passage Money of Subalterns the new Regulations when obliged to come home from ill health with the usual Certificates. -

6th We have resolved that no Subaltern Officer who left India prior to the 1st June 1796 the date from which the operation of the new Army Arrangement took effect as to Pay, shall be allowed Passage Money under that Arrangement.

7th We have fixed the Sum allowed to Subaltern Officers coming home from ill health from your Establishment subsequent to the above period at Arcot Rupees (1000) one thousand. -

7th You have been advised by our Letter of 30th June 1797 of our having agreed to extend the indulgence of Passage Money to Subaltern Officers of His Majesty's Regiments obliged to come home from Sickness

## Recruits

7th From various obstacles which exist not necessary to particularize the plan mentioned in our Separate Dispatch of 8th January 1796, for recruiting

our

ans European Forces in India has not yet been carried
into execution; but we trust that measures for establish
ing a plan of that nature will soon be taken, in
the mean time we have obtained His Majesty's
Licence to Recruit, and as soon Recruits for the European
Regiments have been obtained from the Settlements
Captured from the Dutch, we trust no Considerable
detriment has ensued from the want of the Annual
Supply from Europe

73 We have thus gone through such
Remarks as occurred to us upon your proceedings on
the new Army Regulations under the same heads of
Arrangement as adopted in our Letter of 8th January
1795 you will of course Consider that where any
parts of those Proceedings have not been noticed, that
they have been either approved of or do not appear to
Require at present any particular observation

We are

Cotton

Ld 25th July 1798

We are

Your Loving Friends

Signed John Travers / Signed / Jacob Bosanquet

" Edwd Parry " Mr Lushington

" Joseph Cotton " Abram Roberts

" Thos Parry " Mesr Williams

" John Roberts " Simon Fraser

" J. Smith Burges " George Salem

Ed Wm Strange " W. Bensley

# Our Governor in Council at Fort St George

Para 1 Our last letter to you in this Department was dated the 25th Ultimo

2 Having arranged a Plan with the Master General of the Ordnance for sending several Cadets to the Royal Academy at Woolwich for the purpose of being educated for our Artillery and Engineer Corps in India we direct that you do not appoint any Officers from the Infantry or Cavalry to either of those Corps subsequent to the receipt of those Orders —

3 We

3 We have permitted Mr. David Munro an Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment to return on one of the Ships of the ensuing Season until and pro[mo]ted to his Rank.

London
the 8th August 1798.

We are
Your Loving Friends

Signed/ Signed/ Jacob Bosanquet

" George Salem " J. M. Lushington
" George Smith " Joseph Cotton
" Step[he]n Williams " J. Smith Burges
" Simon Fraser " J. Roberts
" J. Travers " W. Bensley
" C. Scott " Thos. Parry
" W. Elphinstone "

&c.
Wm. Strange

Our Governor in Council
at
Fort St. George.

Recd Nov. 1798

We wrote to you last on the Despatch
under Date the 8th August 1798.

2 Enclosed you will receive a Copy of an
Order of his Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council
licensing the Company to Export Sundry Garrison

Ordnance

Ordnance, and Naval Stores, and also Provisions, and directing the return of Certificates for those landed. You will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required of such Stores as shall be landed at your Presidency, that we may award the heavy Penalties to which we are liable, if the Bonds given to the Crown, on this Occasion should be put in suit, by being care that the Certificates contain an exact Copy of the Indorsement of the Cockets sent by the Ships, whereon such Stores are laden, and not the particular Contents of each Package.

3 In consequence of an Application from Mr Hoare, requesting to be relieved from the Debursement made on his Accounts, as Paymaster to the Army under the head of Tent Allowance, Amounting to Pagodas 9631 and having referred to the Paragraphs 111 to 115 of your Military Letter of 19th February last, on the Subject we called on Mr Hoare to substantiate by his own Affidavit, the Testimony given by his Comcopily, which he has accordingly done, and we therefore direct, in compliance with your recommendation

know that if you shall have seen no cause to allow your opinion on this Claim you are to pay to Mr. Hoare's Attorneys the Amount retrenched as above, together with simple Interest at the rate of 8 per Cent. per Annum, from the period of his having made the Deposit in Question.

11 We have informed Mr. Hoare of the Authority you have given to the Office of Audit to afford his Attorneys every reasonable Assistance in recovering from Individuals the amount of sums retrenched from his Accounts, but actually received by such Individuals as advised in the 10th Paragraph of your Letter above mentioned.

5 In the 8th Paragraph of your Military Letter of the 20th June 1797 we acquainted you that, after an attentive perusal of the Documents respecting Captain Bayly's conduct, we confirmed your suspension of him, but forbore to dismiss him our Service until we heard whether he had offered any defence of his Conduct, which appeared to us highly culpable

and

and sufficient to justify his immediate Dismission We have since received the Proceedings of the Committee of Enquiry and having taken the same into our Consideration together with a Letter from Captain Bonny praying Suspension may be removed, as also his Reply to the Report of the Committee of Officers upon which his Suspension was grounded, we do not find ourselves competent to form a decision upon the merits of his Case more especially as the more material Documents upon which he rests his Justification are not before us, nor does it appear that he was heard on his Defence either before the Madras Committee of Officers, who reported upon his Conduct or before the Governor and Council previous to his Suspension, which according to the first principle of Justice he ought to have been - We therefore, under all the Circumstances attending this Case, have resolved not to comply with Captain Bonny's Request but have given him permission to return to Fort St. George, and direct that you cause the former Proceedings respecting him to be revised by a Committee of Officers, at which an Officer of Engineers, superior in Rank

to

to Captain Bourgmont presume, by which means he will have an opportunity of being heard in his Defence, — Colonel Grant of replying to Captain Bourgs assertions, and the former Committee of justifying their Proceedings and we have resolved that the Decision of your Government upon these subsequent proceedings shall be considered as final. —

6 We have appointed Mr. William Preston now abroad in the Ship Henry Dundas, a Cadet on your Establishment provided the Governor and Council shall be satisfied that he is not exceptionable for that Station in any respect and that he shall obtain his Discharge from that Ship with your Consent. The necessary Certificate of Mr. Prestons Age has been produced to us —

7 Several Applications having been made to us for the Payment of Passage Money for Officers returning to England in charge of Invalids belonging to his Majestys Regiments, we have been led to a Consideration of this Subject, and, it appearing that the Surgeons of the Company's Ships

Regularly

regularly charge Head Money for their Attendance upon Invalids of the King's Service returning from the different Presidencies in India during their Voyage to Europe which is borne by the Company, and that his Majesty's Surgeons have been allowed the same for Company's Invalids, when they have happened to come under their care; and as the Invalids belonging to the Company's Service, are regularly sent to England without any Officer being specially ordered home in Charge of them, we see a just cause for making a distinction in regard to the Invalids of his Majesty's Regiments, and the Company's Troops returning to Great Britain more especially as by the late Regulations concerning our Indian Army we have endeavoured to place the whole upon an equal footing. It is therefore our Order that you cause it to be signified to His Majesty's Officers that, we shall discontinue allowing Passage Money upon that account in future, unless you shall assign to us very satisfactory reasons to warrant our so

doing

Young -

London
the 5th December 1793

We are)
Your Loving Friends
Signed Jacob. Bosanquet
" Steph.n Rushington
" John Hunter
" D. Scott
" Thos. Parry
" Lionel Darell
" George Talem
" W. Bensley
" John Travers
" George Smith
" S. Toone
" Edward Parry
" W. Elphinstone
" Step.n Williams
" R. Thornton
" Simon Fraser
" Chs. Mills
" Joseph Cotton
" John Roberts

Wm Strange)

Our

Our Governor in Council at

Fort St George

Para 1 The information contained in your Military Letter of the 11th February 1798 Relative to the Mutiny in the Artillery has engaged our most serious attention, and though by the present Despatch we do not mean to enter into a particular discussion of all the facts Respecting that Subject, we think it proper to communicate to you our determination upon the most material part of them –

2 As all the Troops of the Bengal Establishment are in the constant receipt of half Batta, we are clearly of opinion that the additional pay granted by his Majesty's Warrant of May 1797 to his Troops cannot be admitted to the Europeans either Kings or Company's serving under that Presidency

3 But as this is not the case with the European Troops serving under your Presidency we consent that the additional pay granted as above be given to them

11 And as the European Artillery

have

have always enjoyed higher pay than the European Infantry we direct that the additional pay be also granted to the former Corps.

5 The Non Commissioned and Private Europeans drawing a fixed Monthly pay, the additional pay is in like manner to be fixed monthly and consolidated with the former pay Viz.t

To Serjeants at 3½ a day 39 fanams 90 Cash per Month, Corporals at 3¼ a day 32 fanams 65 Cash, Gunners of Artil.y Trumpeters of Cavalry and Privates of Infantry & Artillery and Cavalry at 3 a day 26 fanams 20 Cash and Drummers at 2½ a day 19 fanams 55 Cash per Month

6 The above to take place from the 1st. March 1798

We are your Loving Friends

London
the 28 December 1798.

Signed/ J. Hunter
" John Sumners
" Joseph Cotton
" Chas. Hall
" George Smith
" Geo Tatem
" Simon Fraser
" W.m Elphinstone

Sign'd/ Jacob Bosanquet
" Mesp.r Pushington
" John Roberts
" W.m Bensley
" Abram Roberts
" Stephn Williams
" Thos Parry
" R.d Thornton
" Edw.d Parry

(over)

Our Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Para 1 We wrote you last on this Department under date the 28th December 1798

2 In the 2d Paragraph of Our Military Letter of 8th June 1797 We informed you of Our Resolution that Officers whose Furlough had been extended beyond two years and a half from the time of their quitting India, should notwithstanding such extention of Furlough, not be allowed Pay for any further time, unless upon their return to India, when Six Months more Pay might be advanced to them

3 As this Regulation has not been clearly understood, and as from the Paragraph immediately following that above quoted, it would appear to be our intention that Officers on this Predicament were to receive on Return the Arrears of Pay from the expiration of their three years Furlough, to the time of their Arrival at the different Establishments under which they serve,

we

we think it necessary to explain more fully Our Orders on this Subject, and in that view to direct, that all Officers whose Furlough has exceeded three Years, from the time of their quitting India, to that of their return, are not to be entitled to Pay for any Period of their absence beyond the 3 Years, but that their Pay is to recommence only from the date of their actual arrival from Furlough at the Presidency under which they serve

11 . As some Cases may however occur, where Officers have been detained on their Voyage home by unavoidable Causes out of the usual Course, or by the late Sailing in some Seasons of the Ships outward bound, the Certificates of Pay given by our Auditors, will specify the exceptions to the general Rule above mentioned, which we may think proper to Admit of. —

5 We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment Viz.t.

Major

Major General Richard Tolson

Colonel Daniel Burn

Captain Mark Wilks

Brevet Captain Edward Bachelor

Lieutenant Peter Smith

And we have also permitted Lieutenant Chas Sheridan to return with his Rank in the Invalid Corps. —

6 We have permitted the following Military Officers to retire from our Service viz.t

Lieutenant-Colonels { William Flint / George Waught / Joseph Little

Captain Matthew Macallister

You will therefore discontinue their Names on the list of our Army on your Establishment

7 We have this Season (1798) resolved to appoint Fifty seven Cadets for the Infantry on your Establishment Seventeen for Cavalry, and Three for the Artillery or Engineers

We have also resolved to appoint

Twelve

Twelve Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency

We are

London

the 13th March 1799

Your Loving Friends

(Signed) Jacob Bosanquet

" W. Lushington

" John Roberts

" George Tatem

" Edward. Parry

" Chas. Grant

" W. Bensley

" Thos. Parry

" Abraham Roberts

" George Smith

" Roberts Thornton

" Joseph Cotton

Ed. Jno. Strange " J. Smith Burges

Our Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Para. 1 We wrote you last in this Departm.

under

under date the 13th. March —

2 We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your — Establishment Viz.t

Major Robert Bell

Captains Alexander Dyce

William Orrock

John Bell

3 We have appointed the Revd. James Viscount Atwood a Chaplain for your — Presidency, and to succeed as Vacancies may occur, according to the usual Custom of the Service. —

4 We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency in part of the Number we this Season (1798) agreed to send thither. Viz.t

Messrs. Patrick Maxtone

Henry Palmer

William Horsman

John Jones

Daniel Gelchrist

Bellingham

Bellingham Lofft

Thomas Evans

James Tolgambe

5 The Balance of the late Assistant Surgeon Booth's Effects deposited in your Cash has on application been paid here to his Representative You will therefore direct it be written off to "Account Current London." —

6 We have advise you of the Death of Major General Thomas Prendergast late of your Military Establishment. —

7 We have appointed the Revd. Edward Vaughan a Chaplain for your Presidency, and to succeed as Vacancies may happen, next after the Revd. James Estcourt Atwood, whose Appointment is advised in a former part of this Letter. —

8 His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief having been pleased to offer to our Consideration a Plan for Supplying the Company with Recruits from those enlisted by His Majesty for general Service, we have on mature Consideration

Signified

signified our Acceptance of the same and the Draft of a Bill for carrying the same into effect is now before the Honorable House of Commons. In the mean time His Royal Highness has in compliance with our Solicitation, Consented to furnish a Number of Recruits for our several Presidencies, which will be embarked on the Ships noticed in the Margin, you will receive due intimation of the proportion intended for our Service at your Presidency, it may be proper to inform you that the Term of Service for which Recruits are enlisted is Ten Years

The Charlton
Asia
Woodford, and
Albion

9 We have permitted Dr. Terence Gahagan to return to his Duty on the Asia Entertaining a favorable Opinion of his Abilities from the Recommendations in his Behalf, and being also of Opinion that it may be of advantage to the Service, that he should have a Seat at the Medical Board until he comes in by Regular Succession we direct, that on his being appointed Head Surgeon to the General Hospital at the Presidency, conformable to his Standing, which is next below Mr. Raine, he be

he also appointed a temporary Member of that Board, without any additional Allowances, while he Acts as such, beyond the stated Salary of Head Surgeon, as drawn by his Predecessor Mr. Raine, or without being entitled to the Returning Pay of a Member thereof until, by regular Succession, he is promoted to a full Seat at the said Board:-

10 Lieutenant Charles Sheridan of the Invalid Corps who obtained our permission to Return with his Rank, as advised in our Letter of the 13th Mar. last, having applied to us for an Advance of One hundred Pounds, to be repaid in India out of his growing Pay and Allowances, we have been induced to Comply with his Request and transmitted Lieutenant Sheridan's Bond for the above Sum per Ship Rose

11 It being very inconvenient to accommodate on board the Charlton and Asia, the Number of Cadets still remaining for Bengal and Fort St. George, they will be ordered to go on the Clunia direct and Bombay Ships, Directions have been sent to those places to cause them to proceed to their Destination as early

early as possible, and to defray for the Passage of each Cadet a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds -

12 Captain John Norris of the Engineer Corps of your Establishment, transmitted us by the Ship Dublin a Module and Survey of Fort Ostenburg and Plans of Trincomalee, he at the same time gave very satisfactory Reasons for their not being forwarded through your Government, We direct that you acquaint Capt. Norris that we entertain a due sense of his Merits and abilities which we have no doubt will be exerted with Advantage to the Company, wherever his Services may be required -

London
the 29th May 1799.

We are

Your Loving Friends

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| Signed / M. Bensley | Signed / S M Lushington |
| " John Travers | " Hugh. Inglis |
| " W Elphinstone | " J. Hunter |
| " J Toone | " G M. Thellusson |
| " Step.n Williams | " George Salem |
| " Baisney | " Thos. Parry |
| " Tho.s T. Metcalfe | " J Smith Burges |

Ex.d p.r Mr Strange

Our-

Our Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Para 1 We wrote you last in this Department under date the 29th May

2 We forwarded in the Packet of the Chance several Brevet Commissions from His Majesty for Officers serving under your Presidency the Fees on which have been paid here, and you will stop the Amount from the Officers Pay, the Fees by the additional Stamp — Duties are now as follows

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| Major Generals | £12. 12. 6 |
| Colonels | 11. — . 6 |
| Lieutenant Colonels | 10. 1. 6 |
| Majors | 9. 17. 6 |

. Mr. Digby having on Application been furnished with a Copy of the 22d and 23d Paragraphs of your Military Letter of the 25th February 1796 and the Military Auditors Report Referred to thereon his Claim for Bullocks left to feed on Trichenopoly Plain, he has addressed us on the Subject, Representing that the Vouchers

Required

required for Establishing the numbers were the Commissarys General returns for the Months in question, which he states must be in existence - as he is in possession of the Rough Drafts of those Returns which he requested we would receive as establishing his Claim and discharge it accordingly

11 On perusal of these Documents we have not thought them sufficient to justify our Ordering payment of the Amounts claimed, but if they shall be submitted to you by Mr. Digbys Agent you will of course direct further enquiry to be made for the Commissarys Returns given in to the Auditor - Mr. Jackson on his - examination of Mr. Digbys Accounts (of which Returns the Rough Drafts have been laid before us) and if these are found you will then Order them to be examined but if the returns cannot be found the Rough Drafts may be examined and you will in either case form such decision Respecting the Claim as may appear equitable

5 The Friends of Mr. Richard Jones whom we have appointed a Cadet upon your Establishment and has proceeded to his Appointment on the

William

William Pitt having made Application to have him Removed to the Bengal Establishment we have accordingly appointed him a Cadet to Bengal, and you will cause him to be acquainted with our Resolution in his Favor in order that he may proceed to his Station at that Presidency by the first Opportunity.-

6 By the Charlton you will receive as Numbers in the Packet the rank of such Cadets of the Season 1796, who were allowed to remain in England until the Season 1797 —

7 We likewise transmitted you as a Number in the Packet the Rank of all the Cadets of the Season 1797

8 We transmitted a number in the Packet the Rank of Assistant Surgeons of the Season 1797

London
the 18th June 1799

We are
Your affectionate Loving Friends

Signed Thos Twining
" J Toone
" Abraham Roberts
" John Travers
" George Dalam
" W. Elphinstone
" Major Williams
" J. Smith Burges

Signed S. W Lushington
" Hugh Inglis
" John Manship
" W. Bensley
" Thos T. Metcalfe
" Simon Fraser
" J. Hunter

Our

Our Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Para 1 We wrote you last on this Department under date the 18th June last. —

2 We have since received your Letters dated the 15th October 1798 and 5th February 1799 also — Letter from Lieutenant General Harris dated 16th May 1799

3 We have permitted the following Military Officers to retire from our Service, Vizt

Colonel J Cuppage

Captain J Home

" J Clerk

Lieutenant G. Grange

Surgeon A Gillespie

4 You will therefore discontinue their Names on the List of our Army on your Establishment

5 We have resolved that in computing the period of Actual Service of the Military Officers in India, under the Regulations relative to retiring on full Pay, the time which the Officers may have been absent

Intention leave to the Cafre or to any other Settlement, be not included

6 Enclosed you will receive Copy of an Order of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council licensing the Company to export Sundry Garrison, Ordnance and Naval Stores and also Provisions and directing the return of Certificates for those landed, you will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required of such Stores as shall be landed at your Presidency that we may avoid the heavy Penalties to which we are liable if the Bonds given to the Crown on this occasion should be put in suit, taking care that the Certificates contain an exact Copy of the Indorsment of the Cockets sent by the Ships whereon such Stores are laden and not the particular contents of each Package.

7 In consequence of your recent advices respecting the Encrease of your Army, we have resolved to appoint Ninety Cadets for your Infantry, in addition to the Number advised in our Letter of the 8th March last. We shall hereafter inform you of the numbers we

we may deem necessary to send out the ensuing Season to complete your Establishment - -

8 We have permitted Lieutenant Robert Gregson of your Establishment, to return to his Duty, without prejudice to his Rank in the Service -

9 We forward in the Packet two Brevet Commissions from His Majesty, the Person which you will collect conformably to our former orders —

We are

Your Loving Friends

London
the 31st October 1799

(Signed) Thos. Metcalfe
" Charles Grant
" S Toone

(Signed) S. W. Lushington
" Hugh Inglis
" Abraham Robarts
" J. Smith Burges
" Simon Fraser
" John Manship
" Paul Le Mesurier
" Thos. Parry
" John Travers
" George Tatem
"

Ed. Wm Strange

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Our Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Para 1 We wrote you last in this Department under date the 31st October 1799

2 We have since received the following Advices from your Presidency viz.t

General Letters dated the 4th August 1799 received Overland the 8th November

Mil. Do. ... 7th January and 15th August ... } 1799

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Letter from General Harris dated 15th May 1799

3 We have permitted Cornet John Owen of your Establishment to return to his Duty without prejudice to his Rank

4 We have this Season (1799) Resolved to appoint Twenty two Cadets for the Infantry on your Establishment, and Six for the Artillery or Engineer Corps.

5 We have also resolved to appoint Eight Apprentand Surgeons for your Presidency

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6th In the List of Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency of the Season 1797 dated 12th June 1799 the name of Thomas Tod Mardon is inserted his Appointment having originally been intended for Fort St. George but as Mr. Mardon was afterwards appointed on the Bombay Establishment you will discontinue his name on your List of Assistant Surgeons

7th We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency on part of the number we this Season (1799) agreed to send thither, Viz.t

John Jameson
John Andrew
Anthony Taylor
William Dodd Greaves
James Annesley

8th Several Applications having been made to us by Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India, who have been invalided or Drafted, and sent home, for the Difference between the former Pay and that allowed to the Troops by His Majesty's Warrants dated 25th May and June, and

25th

25 December 1797 and as we find that in the Standing Our Orders of the 28th December 1798 Our several Governm had determined to allow such Difference of pay from the Dates of His Majesty's Warrants, we have also agreed to allow the same to the Officers and Men who have applied, and they have been paid accordingly as in the List enclosed in the Packet.

9 If therefore any Allowance of this Kind shall been drawn by the Paymasters of the respective Regiments for the absent Officers and Men named in the list above mentioned you will direct the same to be refunded or brought to the Company's Credit in any subsequent account.

10 We have permitted the following Mentd Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment Viz.t

Major General Thomas Trent
Captain James Hargrave
Brevet Captain John George Scott

11 We have also permitted Cornet Thomas Walcott

Walcott to return with his Rank, and have advanced him the Sum of Fifty Guineas to be repaid by Monthly Installments from his Pay and Allowances within twelve Months after his Arrival in India his Bond makes a number in the Packet by the Ship Brunswick. —

12 With a view to promote Emulation in the Cadets for our Artillery and Engineer Corps who are educated at Woolwich, we have resolved to make it a Standing Regulation that those who by their progress in their different Studies are first reported qualified to proceed to India, shall have precedence in the Rank in those Corps without any reference to their Rank in the general Lists of Cadets appointed for the respective Presidencies. —

13 Mr. Major Henry Court having completed his Studies at Woolwich proceeds to your Presidency this Season —

14 We have advanced Captain James Hargrave One Hundred Pounds on his Bond for the repayment of the said Sum into our Treasury at your Presidency within Three Months after his arrival at Fort

St George, Captain Hargrave's Bond is transmitted herewith, and you will call upon him to repay the said Sum accordingly, but should Captain Hargrave neglect so to do, we direct that you advise us thereof by the earliest opportunity, and return the Bond in order that we may recover payment here -

London the 5th March 1800

We are

Your Loving Friends

Sign'd Step.n Williams / Sign'd / S.l Wm Cushington

" G.l W.m Shellupton " Hugh.n Inglis

" W.m Thornton " John.n Manship

" W.m Bensley

" Thos. Parry

" John Inglis

" T.l T. Metcalfe

" W Elphinstone

" Abrah.m Roberts

" S.l Toone

" J Hunter

" Paul Le Mesurier

" S.l Smith Burges

Ours

Our Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Para 1 We wrote you last on this Department under date the 5th March last –

2 In consequence of a letter from Major General Sydenham, to Colonel Blomfield of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, requesting to be favored with Models or Drafts of the Flying Artillery used in His Majesty's Service, and Copy of General Sydenham's Letter having been transmitted to us, we from a desire to communicate to the Company's Army in India, every improvement which may have been made in the different branches of Military Science in Europe, and considering that the introduction of Horse Artillery, may be highly beneficial to the Company's Service, obtained from the Board of Ordnance, the following Pieces of Artillery, with the usual proportion of Ammunition packed in Boxes, Side Arms, Small Stores and Harness, complete, as they are used in His Majesty's Service, with this difference only

only, that for the purpose of preventing Accidents by Fire, on board the Ships carrying out these Articles, Sawdust was substituted in lieu of Gunpowder, in making up the Ammunition viz.t

1 Brass Gun – 12 Pounder Light

1 D.o .. . .....6 . ..D.o

1 D.o ..... 5½ Inch Howitzer

1 Travelling Carriage for 1 Light 12 Pounder

1 Ammunition Waggon for .. ... 12. D.o

1 Travelling Carriage for Light .. 6 D.o

1 Ammunition Waggon for .. .. 6 D.o

1 Travelling Carriage for 5½ Inch Howitzer

1 Ammunition Waggon for 5½ .. .... D.o

1 Forge Cart

1 Crane for Loading Mortars

Sponges with Staves and Bags for 12 Pounders Light
6 D.o
5½ Howitz

Wadhooks and Staves for 12 P.r Light and 6 D.o

1 Bundle Match

3 Lifting Jacks

8 Casks containing Harness

2 Cases and 2 Firkins, with sundry stores

We

3 We had it in contemplation, to send two Medium twelve Pounders, in consequence of a particular recommendation from some of the Field Officers at Woolwich, of their great use in throwing Grape Shot, but it appearing that Guns of that Caliber, are not not yet in general use in His Majesty's Service, they are not sent at present

4 The several Articles beforementioned were shipped on the Ceres for your Presidency, and Duplicates of the same, were shipped on the Brunswick for the purpose of being conveyed to Bengal, with the other Stores laden on the Madras Ships, for that Government.

5 In consequence of the Bills for these Articles not having been received from the Board of Ordnance the regular Invoices have not been made out, but Accounts of the Particulars of the Packages of these Articles laden on the Ceres for Madras, and the Brunswick for Bengal, were transmitted in the Packets of those Ships

6 We ordered that 4½ Tons of Grape Shot saved from the Wreck of the Henry Addington, should be

be laden on the Ceres for Madras, and that the following Articles likewise saved from the above mentioned Ship, should also be laden on the Ceres for Bengal. Viz.t

about 81 Tons of Iron Guns of different Calibers,

and about 1 Ton of Grapnals of Sizes

Bills of Lading for the above Articles, were forwarded by Mr. Andrew Lindegren, the Company's Agent at Portsmouth, as the Ships sailed from thence, too soon, to admit of the beforementioned Papers being forwarded a Number in the Packet —

7 The Ship Brunswick having been supplied on her last Voyage, with a Number of Guns by the Government of Bombay, we ordered the Commander to deliver them into the Company's Stores at Madras

8 We have resolved, that as all Military Officers when they return from Furlough either resume the Rank they held in the Regiments or Battalions, when left India, or occupy such higher Ranks, as may they have become entitled to, by Promotion, during their Absence on Furlough, that a similar rule shall take place in respect to the Medical Servants attached to the Military

including

including Surgeons of General Hospitals and also Members of the Medical Board, provided they shall have been or Members of that Board, previous to their leaving India.

9 Application has been made to us, to allow two Sons of Colonel Wahab on your Establishment named George Lancelot Wahab, and James Wahab, to proceed to their Father under our License, as Natives of India, which we complied with, and allowed them to proceed, agreeably to their Request, on the Marquis Wellesley.

10 Since our acceding to this Request, their Friends have obtained for them, the Nomination of Cadets and as they were on board Ship, it was not in our power to investigate fully, whether they are descended from a Native Indian or not, we have therefore come to the Resolution to refer it to your Government to examine into the Circumstances, and as we are extremely tenacious of our Resolution of the 19th April 1791, which states that no Person, the Son of a Native Indian, shall henceforward, be employed in the Civil, Military or Marine Services of the Company's, we direct you to be particularly circumspect in your examination into this Business, and as it shall appear to you, upon a personal

View

...um of them, that they are descended from a Native of Swa...
you will strictly abide by your Resolution before mentioned, but if
on the contrary you shall establish without a doubt that these
Young Men are not disqualified, under the aforesaid Resolut...
we then direct you to receive them as Cadets on your Establishm...
and you will take the earliest opportunity of advising us of your
Proceedings hereon, their Order of Rank will be transmitted in the
general List of Rank of this Season, by a future Conveyance

// Captain David Dunlop of the Triton having made
an Application to us to be heard, for the accommodation of Mr.
Maxwell Thomson, a Surgeon on your Establishment, who
was ordered on board that Ship by your Government to take
care of the French Prisoners, we have thought proper to com-
ply with Captain Dunlop's Request, and have accordingly
paid him the Sum of £125. in full for the same -

London the
the 5th April 1800

We are your Loving Friends

(Signed) Tho. Parry
" Thos. Metcalfe
" Georges Tatem
" Chas. Mills
" G. M. Shellington
" W. Bensley
" S. Toone
" Chas. Grant
" Step.n Williams -

(Signed) S. William Pashington
" Hugh. Inglis
" J. Smith Burges
" J. Manship
" Simon Fraser
" Paul Le Mesurier
" William Thornton
" Abram. Robards

Ex.d Wm. Strange

# Our Governor in Council at Fort St George

Para 1 We shall now proceed to the consideration of your several Dispatches in the Military Department of the 27th March and 17th October 1797, and the 19th February and 15th October 1798, to which, on account of the length of the letters themselves, and the voluminousness and importance of the proceedings therein referred to, we have hitherto been unable to reply.

## Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 27th March 1797

Para 1 Acknowledging the receipt of the Court's dispatch of the 27th July
2 In answer to part of that Dispatch } 2 Need no reply

3 Issue of Commissioners in consequence of the new Military Regulations } 3 Our Orders of the 27th July 1796 for granting a retrospect in the dates of the Commissioners to Officers promoted by the new Army

(Army arrangement) were confined to that par-
ticular point and not intended to have any
effect on future promotions, made in the regu-
course of the Service -

4 The case stated by the Military
Auditor General in his Letter on Consultation
the 14th March 1797. as the reason for his —
bringing the question under consideration
viz.t that of Officers recently promoted in
consequence of Lieutenant Colonels Oldham
and Clarke having retired in Europe, —
was, as he observes, a particular one, and
on this point you are already in posses
-sion of our Instructions. -

5 . As the rules of promotion are
the same in this respect at all our ——
Presidencies, the observations in your 25.
& 26th Paragraphs need no further notice. -

/4/ Answer to the Courts of 27th July — continued.
/5 & 7/ Replying to Courts Order on retire-ment and return of Officers -

6 Need no reply

you

/9/ Lieutenant Griffins Bond sent to the Military Auditor General

/ 7 You will advise us of the repay-
ment of the Sum advanced Lieutenant
/now Major/ Griffin

/8 & 11/ Answer to the Courts Letter of 27th July continued 8 Need no reply

/12/ Referring to Commander in Chiefs observations on Courts Orders for posting absent Officers 9 The directions already given from time to time respecting absent Officers will be sufficient for your guidance on this subject.

/13 & 14/ Answer to the Courts Letter of 27th July continued
/15/ Advising their having forwarded Doctor Hunters Report on the Medical Instrument to the Medical Board
/16/ Enclosing a letter from the Commander in Chief relative to the distribution of His Majestys Troops 10 Need no reply

/17/ Indulgence granted to the Families of Sepoys who die or are killed upon foreign Service 11 The indulgence which you have granted to the families of Sepoys who may be killed or die on foreign Service, being evidently founded on a principle

principle of Policy and humanity we have no-
hesitation in signifying our approbation —
thereof — We likewise approve of this indulgen
having been extended to the Families of th
Sepoys, Sindals and Privates of the Gun -
and Garrison Lascars, as advised in the -
10th and 10th Paragraphs of your Military -
dispatch of the 17th October 1797 -

1784 19 Regulations for the Compn — Equipage for the repair of Military Quarters & Barracks 12

We have to express great satisfac
tion at the various branches of Military
expenditure particularized in this and in
your Subsequent Dispatch of the 17th October
1797 having been put under such efficient
regulations as will in future subject the
disbursements in those expensive Depart
-ments to the revision and control of the
. Military Board . Without entering —
into a particular consideration of the
various regulations that have been adopt
for the Ordnance and Store Department
for Bodies and Buckalies, . Military Build
ing

ings, Camp Equipage; and for the Store and Tent Lascars, which however — appear to be well calculated for the purposes intended, we shall only signify our approbation of the conduct of that Board and of the Military Auditor General, in the plans and regulations proposed by them for establishing such System of check and control in the — Military Disbursements of your Presidency as are likely to be attended with the most beneficial consequences to the — Interests of the Company. We likewise approve, in general, of the regulations proposed for defining the powers and Duties of the Military Board, referred to in their letter of the 7th April 1797.

[20 & 21] Allowance to Surgeons of the Company's Ships for attendance on the Kings Troops — — — — —

13 We approve of your proceedings on this subject, and desire it may be considered as a rule in future to pay the Surgeons of all our Ships

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in general whether on the regular line of
Service, or taken up as extra Ships, the usual
Head Money of 10 ten Shillings each on
Troops in His Majesty's Service or belong
ing to the Company, who shall have
proceeded the whole Voyage and be delivered
in India, but not any allowance to be
or Children who may accompany them
made for such Women and incase it
should happen that any Military are
but on board at St. Helena or the Cape,
the allowance for Head Money on their
landing in India is then to be at the
rate of £5, five Shillings each.

'22, Regulations established on the Courts Orders of 22 April 1796, with Certificates to Officers on Furlough &c. — 14 — We approve of the Regulations referred to

23 & 26 Cap. 85 Allowances of Officers promoted to commence from the Publication of their promotion — 15 — Already replied to

27 & 28 / Brevet Colonel Aston of His Majesty's 17th Regiment allowed full Batta as Colonel

16 By our Orders of 2d January 1796, allowing full Batta to Colonels - it was certainly our intention to confine this allowance to the Colonels of Regiments of Infantry or Cavalry and of Battalions of Artillery and the Chief Engineer - and the Pay Table annexed to those Orders accordingly so states it - no Brevet Officer therefore of that rank could - under any construction be entitled to more than the half Batta of Colonel, unless serving in the Field.

17. On the subject of Brevet - Batta in general, you are in possession of our Orders in our separate Military Letter of 25th July 1798, and although the execution of those Orders has been for special reason suspended - Yet we are of opinion that those Orders were highly proper and therefore - direct that they be forthwith carried into execution.

Your

18 Your observation on the latter part of the 28th Paragraph will be noticed hereafter.

129th Regulations with respect to Compensation for the loss of Horses and Baggage on actual Service

19 By the enclosed Copy of the 66th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch to Bengal of the 9th of June 1798, you will observe that we have expressed our entire disapprobation of the regulations granting an indemnification to Military Officers for the loss of their baggage and Horses. We therefore direct that the regulations upon this subject, established at your Presidency, at the recommendation of the Government General, be upon the receipt hereof annulled.

130th 31st Transmitting a continuation of accounts of Money issued to French and Dutch Prisoners

20 You will continue to furnish us from time to time, with Similar Statements of Money issued to French and Dutch Prisoners of War, as well as to the Subjects of those Nations on the Department of the Civil Paymaster General. The last accounts of this nature

mitures, referred to in your subsequent
Dispatch of the 13th August 1799, are —
brought up to the 31st January preceding
at which time the whole of these Disburse-
ments amounted to near eight Lacks of
Pagodas.-

132/ Forwarding printed Tables of Pay and allowances to the Army from the Military Auditors Office with the Supplement to the Military Statement 1796/7 - Shewing the ratios Effence by the new Arrangement and additional Kings Regiments for the year amounting to Pagodas 4,07,732.-

21 These Documents have been received and appear to be carefully framed from our subsequent Orders the Pay — Table will require revision.

133/ Sundry plans of Forts &c. required by the Supreme Government forwarded to Bengal-

22 Needs no reply

134 & 135/ Regulations for mustering and paying the Coast Army

23 We have perused the letter from the Military Auditor General, proposing Regulations for mustering and paying the Coast Army in a manner suitable

to

to the new establishment, and approve of your having adopted the regulations proposed, with the alteration suggested by the Commander in Chief. If however it shall appear upon trial that the suggested alteration does not insure the necessary check and control which the appointment of two additional Muster Masters was intended to produce you will see the necessity of revising this part of the Regulations, how averse soever we may feel to incur any augmentation of expense without the most obvious necessity

/36 to 39/ Improvement in the half-mounting of the native Troops

24 We very much commend the caution which was observed upon the subject of improving the half-mounting to the native Troops in order to avoid exciting any dissatisfaction among them.

/40/ Forwarding Certificates of Military Stores received by several Ships

25 Needs no reply

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41 & 42 Deficiency of Small Arms

26 The substance of these Paragraphs will be replied to in our answer to the 34th Paragraph of your subsequent Letter of 15th October 1798.

43 & 44 Condemnation of Prize Money

27 Having applied to His Majesty, for his Royal permission to distribute the Prize Property, taken at Pondicherry, we hope to be able to send you the necessary Instructions for that purpose, by the Latter Ships of the season.

45 & 46 Application of Colonel Manley, of the Nabobs Service, that he may be admitted to participate in the indulgence lately granted to the Company's Officers of Furlough and Pension

28 We have considered the Memorial referred to in these Paragraphs from Colonel Manuel Manley, of the Nabobs Service, requesting to be admitted to participate in the indulgences lately granted to the Company's Military Officers, namely, those of Furlough and a Pension, but cannot, for the most obvious reasons, comply therewith.

47 Request of Lieutenant Colonel Read for a Cadetship for his Relation

29 The young Gentleman, on whose behalf this solicitation was made, has been already appointed a Cadet for your Presidency

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[illegible] and Ravenshaw removed to the Corps of Engineers.
[49] The Widows of those Officers furnished with Certificates entitling them to the benefit of the Military Fund.
[50] Contains List of Casualties
[51] Several Officers permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Leave. } 30 . Need no reply

32 & 33 Retention & Return of Mr Surgeon Gahagan } 31 . Mr Gahagan returned to his duty on your Establishment last year on the Ship Asia.

34 Retaining Return of two Officers & the Benefit of their Services. } 32 . Needs no reply

35 Two Kings Officers Ordered to join the additional Company of Theu Engd allowed Passage. Conveyance giving an Obligation to refund if incase of its being disapproved of at home. } 33 . All future applications for passage Money to Europe of a doubtful nature must be referred to our decision accompanied with the necessary information on the Subject.

We

/58/ Application of an Officer appointed to the Detachment serving with the Nizam for Field allowances from the time of being first on service for it.

34 We approve of your determination upon the application alluded to in this Paragraph; and we direct that it be observed as a rule, not to be departed from, that all claims to allowances not authorized by the general established regulations be immediately rejected.

/57 & 59/ Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Pater to succeed to the General charge of the Cavalry upon the departure of Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell.

35 We likewise concur in the propriety of your determination upon the Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Pater to succeed to the general charge of the Cavalry upon the departure of Colonel Dugald Campbell, as contrary to the System adopted for the Cavalry Corps by our Orders of 15th January 1796 and since confirmed by those of the 25th July 1798.

/60/ Correcting an error in a former Paragraph respecting the allowances to Major General Doyle.

36 Needs no reply.

/61 & 64/ Transmitting a return of French Officers sent home.

37 Application having been made to us by the French Officers Prisoners of War from Pondicherry whose names appear

appear in the List referred to in these Paragraphs
to be paid subsistence from the 31st of May 1795
to which period they had received the same
in India. We were surprized to find on —
referring to the Records of your Presidency
you had omitted to acquaint us of the —
engagement that had been made upon
that account, and your reasons for so —
doing, more especially as the expense of
their Passage to England was to be borne
by the Company, and which we have
paid at the rate settled by you. —

38. In the light therefore in which
this transaction appeared to us, we were wholly
at a loss in what manner to guide our judge-
ment upon the application before us, so as
to hold the faith of your Government inviolate
and at the same time, to act with Justice
to the Company, and the expectations of
these unfortunate Men and we therefore
determined to allow 5 Months Full Pay

to

each of the Officers mentioned in the List you transmitted us, from the Time they were advanced the same in India to the 30th of October 1797. according to their respective Ranks, when such Officers as arrived on the earliest Ships were taken into the Charge of His Majestys Government, deducting from those who had left Wives or Children in India, the Monthly allowance stipulated to be paid for their Support and for which they have expressed an high sense of Gratitude.

65866/ Advising the return of Lieutenant Sheridan to England and transmitting an Account of the Money advanced to him on account of his Pay. 39 Lieutenant Sheridan returned last season to his duty on your Establishment.

67370/ Relative to the request of Captain Grant either to be restored to the Command of the Governors Body Guard or allowed an equivalent for his Expences. 40 This Subject has been already replied to

71/ Forwarding a list of the Army 41 Needs no reply.

your

[72] Forwarding an Indent of Medicines and utensils — 42 — Your Indents for Medicines — has in most instances been complied with, and a reply to the several remarks made by your Medical Board is contained in an Extract of a Letter from Dr Hunter, and which will be forwarded a number in the Packet.—

[73] Forwarding a box of unserviceable Surgical Instruments to be repaired — 43 — Many of these Instruments are too bad to be repaired, but such as can be rendered serviceable will be repaired and sent by some future conveyance.

[74] Forwarding a return of the Hinges and Campaign Trays landed at the Presidency —

[75] Forwarding — proceedings. — 44 — Need no reply.

[76] Referring to Lists of Charlestown Passengers. —

## Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 17th October 1797.

Para 1. Mentions the date of the last despatch and acknowledging the receipt of Letters from the Govt. — 45 — Need no reply.

[2357] Supplies Answer to the Governor's Letter of the 20th January —

The

Defficiency of Small Arms

46 The Substance of these Paragraphs will be replied to in our answer to the 34th Para of your Letter of the 15th October 1798 –

Answer to the Counts Letter of the 28th January continued –

47 Need no reply

Resolves of the Hon.ble Court of Directors sent out Inaccuracies therein –

48 Some of the inaccuracies – pointed out in the Adjutant Generals Letter referred to in these Paragraphs have already been corrected by General Orders of the Commander in Chief in India of the 1st December 1796 the error in date of the Captains Commissions viz.t the 7th instead of the 8th January 1796 is too immaterial to require notice, and with respect to the difference in the dates of Commissions to the three General Officers mentioned in the last Paragraph of the Adjutant Generals letter, as the major Generals in our Service by the Regulations of 8th January 1796 were not to be appointed untill the last Ships of the Season arrived it does not appear necessary to apply for Commissions of

of prior date to those they have already received from His Majesty.

Proper attention will be given to the other points contained in the Adjutant Generals letter.

(13) Answer to the Court's Letter of the 20. January concluded.

(14) Noticing that the short Letter from the Court of the 22d. March requires no further reply.

49 Need no reply.

(15 & 20) Major Generals and Generals on the Staff appointed Commanders by Major Generals not on the Staff vacated full Batta allowed the Latter. General Means's representation on not being selected from the Staff Colonels to Regiments Field and Staff Officers to Generals on the Staff

50 The Selection of General Officers on the Staff having been left with the Governments in India by our Orders of the 8th. January 1796. we approve of your proceedings therein

51 With respect to the Appointment of an additional General Officer on the Staff as mentioned in the 21st. Paragraph for the reasons given we shall not object thereto

thereto under the latitude of our Instructions of the date abovementioned, relative to the number of these Officers during War, but in a general view we do not think it is requisite, when Officers of this discription are sent on Service in India to supply their places, by new Appointments during their temporary Absence from the Presidency under which they serve, and as the additional Expence incurred thereby is considerable you will give due weight to this point on any future occasion.

52 Where General Officers not on the Staff are senior to those appointed to the Staff, it is evident that the former cannot be continued in the Command of any Station within the Control of the latter and we presume it was on this principle that you directed the General Officers mentioned in the 22.

Paragraph

Paragraph to vacate the Commands to which they had been previously appointed but situations of Command may we conceive be found where General Officers not on the Staff may be usefully employed without the interference here mentioned it is stated also to be incompatible with the Rank of General Officers not on the Staff to perform Regimental Duties with their Corps, but where these are Junior to General Officers on the Staff at Stations where the Regiments are on Duty we do not see any objection to the former continuing to serve with their Regiments and as throwing them entirely out of the line of Military Duty must be very unwise to their feelings we direct that you furnish us with your Sentiments on these Points.—

53 The continuing the full Batta to General Officers not on the

the Staff is consistent with our Intentions in the new Arrangement and has therefore our approbation.

54 Your proceedings advised in the 26th Paragraph are also approved.

55 Under the Circumstances of General Geels Situation and our Orders respecting him in a subsequent part of this Letter it does not seem necessary to notice the point in dispute between him and General Balcliffe referred to us in Paragraphs 17 & 19 relative to precedency of Rank.

27 Memorial from several Captains of Artillery as to reduction of their allowances by the new Arrangement

56. If the half Ballads these Officers by the new arrangement was equal to the Off Reckonings they formerly drew, they can have no reasonable cause of Complaint – if otherwise we authorize you to make good the difference.

28 & 33 Respecting absent Officers being Struck off

57 Already replied to your Letter of the 14th March 1798.

Before

[34] Commencement of Pay to Officers promoted

58 Before replied to

[35 to 39] Period at which the Services of Officers is to commence in order to their being transmitted to Europe

59 On the subjects mentioned in these Paragraphs we have to inform you that the Period from which the Services of Officers is to be reckoned to entitle them to the full Pay of their Rank after twenty five Years Service is with respect to Cadets appointed here from their arrival at the Presidency to which they are nominated, or at any other Presidency at which they enter in actual Service and with respect to Cadets who have been appointed in India, and whose appointments have been confirmed by us from the commencement of their Service in India

60 Although by this mode as noticed by the Commander in Chief, a preference is apparently given to the latter yet it appears to us to be no more than equitable for the following among other

reasons

reasons, viz.ª That in many instances Cadets nomi-
nated here have been indulged with permission
to delay their embarkation for India, for one
or more Seasons, subsequent to that in which
their nominations took place during which
time those appointed in India as well as
other nominations from home who immedi-
-ately proceeded to India have been actively
employed in the Duties of their profession.—

61. In regard to the second point
mentioned in the Commander in Chief's —
Minute, all Officers who have served twenty
two years in India (to be computed from
the Periods beforementioned) are permitted to
retire on the full Pay of their rank but —
if after serving at time successively they
come to Europe on Furlough, they are to be
subjected to the regulations prescribed in
our letter of the 6.th January 1796 relative to
Officers wishing to retire while on Furlough

62 With respect to the cases of
Absentees mentioned in the 38.th Paragraph

as

as no Officer who has not served twenty two years actually in India can be permitted to return on the full Pay of his rank a declaration to the effect prescribed by the Regulations by such Officers is unnecessary as they must return to their duty, in order to complete that period of Service to entitle them to return on full Pay although they may have been twenty five Years or more on the Strength of the Army

40 / Con.ng of 100 hundred Pascars to be raised in Bengal for the Service on the Coast

63 In your subsequent letter of the 19th February 1798 we are advised that in consequence of the relinquishment of the Manilla Expedition, the Government of Bengal had very properly limited your demand to three hundred.

41 to 43 / Allowance to the Wives of European Soldiers.

64 We approve of the allowance which you have granted to the Wives of European Soldiers, and have only to direct that you from time to time advise us of the amount of such allowance with the names of the parties receiving the same

Having

1442 to 40 Reports of Major General Floyd the reviewing Officer, upon the different Regiments of Native Cavalry

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Having perused the inspecting Reports of Major General Floyd, referred to in your several Dispatches, relative to the state and condition of the Cavalry, and proposing Regulations for their improvement, we approve of your proceedings in consequence. Periodical inspections of the several Regiments of Cavalry by so able and experienced an Officer as Major General Floyd, being of obvious utility we would recommend their being continued with a view to their further improvement both as to discipline and Accoutrements. We trust likewise, that the caution you have given to Officers Commanding Cavalry Regiments against the admission of Recruits of an improper size, will greatly conduce to improve the General appearance of this useful and essential Corps; of whose present appointments, horsemanship and discipline, we are pleased to observe

such

such favorable accounts and obviate the necessity in future of making provision for Men who are not entitled from their length of Service to such an indulgence.

47 to 50 Relative to the Supply of Horses &c.

66 We have given due attention to your advices and proceedings relative to the supply of Horses for your Native Cavalry, and to the establishment of Studs for the breed of Horses at Ganjam, and at the Islands of Delft and two Brothers.

Although under the uncertainty which appeared of your being able to procure a sufficient number of Horses annually for remounting your Cavalry, especially in times of hostility, we wished the experiment to be made of breeding within our own Territories, yet, we do not see the necessity for two establishments of this nature, and therefore direct that the Mares and Stallions composing the Stud upon the Islands

of Delft and two Brothers, before mentioned, disposed of and the establishment abolished. We observe that this Stud was purchased on the Company's account from the Captors of Ceylon, after a valuation by a Committee assembled for that purpose at the request of the Prize Agents for Pagodas (4402) four thousand four hundred and two. As an offer was made to purchase, at the prices they cost the Company, such of the brood Mares as were, from their undersize, unfit for breeding for the Cavalry, we expect that the Company will sustain little or no loss by the resale.

17 With respect to the Stud established at Ganjam under the Agency of Lieutenant Evans, you certainly were justified by our Orders in the measures you have taken, and we approve of your proceedings herein

and

and direct that you make an annual —
report to me of the state of the Garrison —
Stud with the expences attending it —
But lately the conquest of Mysore the —
plan proposed by Lieutenant Montgomery
for procuring an annual supply of Horses
for your Cavalry from the Cutch and —
Guzzerat Countries, is now reduced to a certainty
and is scarcely liable to be —
affected by any political event for —
several years to come, and as Lieutenant
General Harris, in his Minute of the 22d
May 1799, has given his testimony to the
Superior mode of supplying the Cavalry
with Horses suggested by Lieutenant —
" Montgomery, and which in its conse-
' quences has been attended with such
success that the whole of the remount —
" Horses for three years past has been —
" actually supplied by that Officer, greatly
' to his own credit, and with perfect

satisfaction

satisfaction to the Cavalry Corps. We direct that the expences of the Gunjam Stud be confined within the most economical bounds.

58 Upon this subject it only remains for us to signify our approbation of your Resolution for abolishing the Hydrabad Agency under Major now Lieutenant Colonel Dallas and of the allowances to Lieutenant Montgomery as sole Agent for the purchase of Horses for the Cavalry by the route of the Coast of Malabar advised in your subsequent Dispatch of 13th October 1798.

57 / General Harris's claim for passage Money from Bengal

59 As we cannot consider that Lieutenant General Harris has any claim on the Company for Passage Money from Bengal to your Coast, we direct that the Sum which has been paid him that account be refunded.

We

/52 a 54/ Separation of Paymaster & Storekeeper finished

10 We have much pleasure in being advised of the completion of the plan, so long in contemplation, for separating the Departments of Paymaster and Storekeeper and have already signified our approbation of the Regulations that have been adopted for the Ordnance and Store — Departments —

/55 & 56/ Provision of Gunpowder. The mode of Agency preferred to that of Contract

11 We have perused the proceedings of the Military Board, referred to in these Paragraphs, relative to the most eligible mode of providing Gunpowder, whether by contract or Agency. As the arguments in favor of the latter, in our opinion preponderate, we approve of your resolution for the future provision of this Article by an Agent acting under the immediate superintendance of the Military Board, and of the appointment of Mr Bishop to the Post of Agent, with a fixed Salary of /50/ Star Pagodas pr. Month

Month, as advised in the 65th Paragraph.

We concur with you in the Sentiments expressed in the 71st Paragraph, with respect to the impropriety of the conduct of Major General Gills in his recorded animadversions on the unfitness of this allowance, but for obvious reasons we decline any further comment upon that subject.

57 & 58 / Regulations for the Ordnance and Store Department &c &c &c.

72. We have already signified our approbation of the various Regulations referred to in these Paragraphs.

59 & 52 / Military Board Regulations for their internal conduct of that Department — Increase of the Secretary's Salary and of the Office Establishment.

73 The Regulations referred to in these Paragraphs, as far as we are able to form a judgement upon them appear well calculated to answer their intended purpose. But we must however express our entire disapprobation of the Salary to the Secretary to the Military Board being increased from one hundred to three hundred Pagodas a Month,

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as directly contrary to the Orders signi-
fied to you in the 9th. Paragraph of our
letter in this Department of the 31st. July
1787. and direct that it be immediately
discontinued, But exclusive of this aug-
mentation being repugnant to our Orders
we object to it upon the principle upon
which it has been granted, namely a
comparison with the Salary attached
to the same appointment in Bengal a
Principle which if once established —
would lead to a complete Revision of the
several appointments and Establishmen
both at Madras and Bombay, and to
an expense incalculable — We are aware
that the increase of business occasioned
in the Office of the Military Board
by the late arrangements for that —
Department may require some additio
to the Official establishment, but your
acquiescence in the addition proposed

seems

seems to have arisen more from your having discovered that the proposed establishment at Madras was considerably less than at Bengal, than from a conviction of the reasonableness of the augmentation. We therefore direct an immediate revision of the Subject. If it shall not have already undergone such a revision in consequence of the Governor-Generals directions for ascertaining what retrenchments must be made in the charges of the several Establishments under your Presidency. In the meantime, on account of the additional business which has fallen to those Officers in consequence of the late arrangements, we consent to the following increase to the Salaries of Secretary and Deputy Secretary to the Military Board above what was sanctioned by our before mentioned Orders of July 1787.

Secretary

Secretary from /100/ One hundred Pagodas to /150/ One hundred and fifty.

Deputy from /50/ fifty Pagodas to /100/ one hundred.

/6384/ Salary annexed to the employ of Agent for Supplies of Military Stores. 74 As you have represented that the labour and responsibility of this Office have been much curtailed by the new Regulations, we are of opinion that a Salary of /300/ three hundred Pagodas a Month would be an ample compensation and to which it must be immediately reduced, whoever may be in possession of the employment upon the receipt hereof. We are however persuaded that in the late revision of establishments for effecting every proper and economical reduction of expence the very large allowance to the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores has not escaped your attention.

/15/ Mr Benjamin Bishop appointed Superintendant of the Manufacture of Gunpowder. 75 Already replied to

For

1786/7 Augmentation of the Salary to the Commissary General of Stores

76 For the reasons which have been assigned, and in consequence of the charge of the Laboratory to which was separately affixed an allowance of 60/ Sixty Pagodas p.r Month having been transferred to the Commissary General of Stores, we approve of his Salary having been increased to 200/ two hundred Pagodas p.r Month, On the sole condition of his deriving no other emolument from the Office

1786/7 Referring to a Minute from Major General Gels on the Subject of abuses in the establishment of the Garrison Lascars

77 Although Major General Gels declined to specify, or going to a proof, as it was his duty to have done, of the abuses stated in his Minute before us in the Lascar establishment yet we do not think that a sufficient reason for abandoning all further enquiry.- We therefore direct that the enquiry be prosecuted by a Committee of the Military Board, who must be likewise ordered to ascertain how far Major General Gels is founded in

in his opinion that one half of the present number of Lascars are sufficient for all the duties they ought to perform, and that one third of them are as many as ought to be allowed in time of Peace.-

71 Referring to the animadversions of the Navy General Gale upon the smallness of the allowances to the Superintendant of the Gunpowder Manufactore

76 Already replied to-

72 & 83 Differences of opinion between Lord Hobart and General Hawes concerning some Appointments in the Men and Ordnance Departments &c.

79 We are sorry that this subject should have occasioned so long a discussion It is undoubtedly the province of the Commander in Chief, in the first instance, to propose to the Board, subject to its confirmation, all matters relative to the discipline of the Army, filling up vacancies in the several Corps, promotion of Officers in regular order of succession, and to form regulations subject to the like confirmation respecting the disposition, contonment or distribution of the Company's Troops and in ordinary cases to find no nomination

Persons

Persons for the supply of vacancies to Posts
usually occupied by military Officers.
At the same time we must consider our
respective Governors at full liberty,
agreeably to the usage of the Service, to
bring forward for the approbation of his
Council, the name of any Officer whom
he may think proper to select for the
Command of any particular Station or
Expedition. and we agree in opinion
with your late Right Honorable President
Lord Hobart, that there are situations,
rather of a political than a military
nature in the selection of Officers for
which however necessary it may be to
pay due attention to professional merit,
the choice must turn upon points not
exclusively military, and therefore
within the peculiar consideration
and province of Government.

When

1784 87 Regulations for the Officers of Military Auditor General Paymaster General Military Paymasters &c &c

80 When we call to our recollection the representation contained in the 6th Paragraph of the Military Dispatch from your Presidency of the 21st January 1791 on the subject of the great abuses which had crept into the Service, and which threatened the most serious mischief to our Officers, particularly in the disbursement of Money through the hands of Paymasters, and that scarcely any part of the immense sums thus pensioned from the Company had ever found their way back to the Treasury we cannot but feel the highest satisfaction that a complete System of check and controul has at length been effected through every Department of Military Expenditure under your Presidency. and that the lucrative advantages formerly enjoyed by Paymasters have been finally abolished. We have

have therefore great pleasure in signifying our approbation of the Regulations proposed by the Military Auditor General for his own Department, for the Department of the Military Paymaster General, the Military Paymasters &c. &c. which appear to be framed with much accuracy and ability, and to be fully competent to the end proposed thereby. The Regulations proposed by the Military Auditor General for his own Department evince a sincere disposition on his part to discharge the arduous duties of his station with regularity, disinterestedness, impartiality, and effect.

81 The Salaries and Establishments which you have allowed to the different Paymasters at the several Stations, upon their present reduced numbers, must be

considered

considered a very liberal, though perhaps
not inadequate to the responsibility of
their Office, the security required of them
and the duties they have to perform —
From these considerations and under a
firm persuasion that the Paymasters will
receive no further emolument from their
Office, we have been induced to confirm
these allowances, subject however to such
reduction as may have been made
therein in consequence of the revision of
expenditure lately instituted at your
Presidency, under the Governor Generals
direction, of the result of which we have
not yet received the report.

82 Upon a due consideration
of the subject we do not think proper
to permit of the Salaries affixed to the
Pay department to have a retrospective
operation. In consequence however
of your representation that upon your

resolution

resolution in 1793, for carrying to the Company
account whatever advantage might arise from
the difference in exchange in payment of
the Troops, the Paymasters have remained,
till lately, without any allowance but
Captains Pay and Batta amounting on an
average to not more than Pagodas 93.31.40
ninety three, thirty one fanams, and Forty
Cash, pr. Month, and as you deem yourselves
pledged at the time they were deprived of
this emolument, that some compensation
should be made to them in lieu thereof, we
have agreed that the Sum thus carried to
the Company's credit in the three years
from 1793/4 to 1796/7, amounting to Pagodas
21,340 twenty one thousand three hundred
and Forty, shall be distributed among the
Paymasters who filled that station with-
in the period abovementioned, in such
proportions as you shall deem equit-
able.

We

89 & 90 Regulations for the Control of the Grain & Provision Departments and for the Grain Agency

83 "We have great satisfaction in — expressing our approbation of the Regulations proposed by the Military Auditor General for bringing the Grain and Provision departments and also the Grain Agency, under the Superintendance of the Military Board, thereby establishing an effectual control over those several branches of Military — Expenditure."

91 & 93 Paymasters

84 "Already replied to

94 & 97 Encouragement of Major General Sydenham the Military Auditor General

85 "We are impressed with a due sense of the conduct of Major General Sydenham, your Military Auditor General, in the able and upright discharge of the duties of the Office and in his zealous, faithful and laborious endeavors for effecting a System of check and controul throughout the various Departments of Military Expenditure under your Presidency. Merits so conspicuous, and services so essential, would have alone ensured our approbation

And

had they not been so pointedly recommended to our notices in the Paragraphs before us

98/ Abolition of the Office of Commissary Grain and Provisions

85 As the abolition of the Office of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions naturally followed from the new system which you had previously adopted for that Department by which its duties at the Presidency were transfered to the Garrison Storekeeper, we have only to signify our approbation thereof.

99/ Report on the Audit of Mr Garrows Accounts

87 Your Proceedings in consequence of our orders of the 27th July 1796, in regard to retrenchments made in the Accounts of Mr Edward Garrow, formerly Paymaster and Commissary to the Garrisons of Trichinopoly Tegar &c. and refunds of Payments to several Officers, have received our approbation.

100 & 101/ Forwarding Military Statement 30th April 1797. with explanations from the Military Auditor General

88 The original Statement was lost in the Zephyr Packet. We have since received a Duplicate thereof, which with the

the Analysis and explanations by your —
Military Auditor General are Proofs of great
exertion and ability on his part, and afford
material information —

1028 & 103 Recommending the Proposal of the Military Auditor General to include as well the Pay and Pensions & Allowances of Troops employed on foreign Possessions as the extra Charges under the Head of Expeditions against Dutch Settlements —

29 The absence of the Troops employed at Ceylon &c having, as you very properly observe render it necessary to raise extra Corps and Supernumeraries, and as your remarks on the effect occasioned by such absence in the augmentation of the Kings Troops appear to be founded we can have no doubt of the propriety of adopting the Suggestion of your Military Auditor General referred to in these Paragraphs, we therefore direct that it be carried into execution but this should only take place from the period at which new levies were made in addition to the former Establishment and on Account of the — absence of that part of the Army stationed at the Captured Settlements —

We

/104 & 105/ Lieutenant Gourlay who was suspended for improper and disrespectful conduct towards the Military Auditor General restored on making a proper Apology for the same

GC We have perused the correspondence referred to in these Paragraphs between Lieutenant John Gourlay and the Deputy Military Auditor General. It appears to us that Lieutenant Gourlay highly merited the censure passed upon his conduct by his suspension from the Service. But as he at length became sensible of his error, and made atonement for the same, we approve of your resolution for removing this suspension The proper support which has thus been given to an Office of great trust, labour and responsibility has afforded us much satisfaction.

/107 & 108/ Provision for the Families of Sepoys

91 Already replied to

/109 & 111/ Allowance to Captain Hill who Commanding an extra Battalion of Sepoys

92 We approve of the allowance to Captain Hill, whom you appointed to the Command of the extra Battalion of Native Infantry raised in 1795: and we have great pleasure to observe, by the Inspection

Report

Report of the 12th. October 1798, that by the uncommon exertions of the Officers the Corps had arrived to a state of perfection. You will of Course attend to our directions upon this subject in the 59th Paragraph of our Military Despatch of 20th June 1797.

[112 & 114] Subadar commended for his gallantry and good Conduct

93 We very much approve of the manner in which the gallant conduct of Subedar Abdul Cauder has been acknowledged by our suggestion in the 11th Paragraph respecting the want of means under the existing Military System, of exciting or rewarding such singular instances of native spirit and intrepidity is highly worthy of attention and we direct you to report to us your opinion of what measures may be proper upon similar occasion

[115 & 119] Mutiny on the 9th Regiment of Sepoys

94 In the disapprobation which you have expressed of the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, relative to the means used by him to compel the Mutineers of the 9th Regiment of Sepoys to obedience, we entirely

concur

concur. But as this Officer has since rendered very meritorious services in the able and humane manner in which he conducted himself in the Command of the Troops employed in the Capture of the French Forces in the service of the Nizam, we forbear further animadversion. The judicious conduct of Major General Bridges for bringing the mutineers to punishment as mentioned in his letter of 7th October, is entitled to our approbation.

(120&121) Noticing some removal of Troops to Hyderabad — 95 — Need no reply

(122) Military at Malacca to be supplied with whatever may be necessary without waste and comfort — 95 — The information contained in this Paragraph is very satisfactory.

(123) Mr Alexander Cunningham appointed Paymaster and Commissary of Stores to the Moluccas Island — 97 — We approve of the appointment mentioned in these Paragraphs. But think proper to direct that the Salary to the Commissary and Paymaster at the Island of Malacca, do not exceed the Salary to the like

(124) The Salary to the Commissary & Paymaster at Malacca increased to one hundred and fifty Rupees P. Month

like Officer of the Malacca Islands wg 1/100/
one hundred Pagodas a Month.-

/175 / 128/ Appointment of these Gentlemen Volunteers to act as Ensigns.

98 Under the very peculiar circumstances stated in these Paragraphs we have been induced to confirm the appointments of Ensigns Grace, Mears, and Durand, and direct that they take rank in your Army List immediately following the Cadets appointed by us for the year 1795.- You act with very commendable regard to our positive orders in declining to confirm these temporary appointments without our previous approbation, and the same implicit obedience must be continued to be paid to our repeated prohibitions against the admission of Officers and Cadets into the Service, otherwise than by our own express appointment.-

We

/129 a 133/ Advising the appointment of a Committee for investigating the accounts of the — Molucca Expedition

99 We concur in opinion with you of the able manner in which the Committee appointed to investigate the Accounts of the Molucca Expedition have discharged the trust reposed in them, as mentioned in your subsequent Despatch in the — Military Department of 15th October 1798 and approve of your having issued Bonds at 12/ eight Per Cent for the balance of such part of the Prize property as was delivered to the Companys use amounting by your Consultations of 17th July 1798, to Pagodas /91751/ viz. one thousand six hundred and fifty one -

/134 a 137/ Application for the Company to purchase the Ordnance and Military Stores from the Captors of Ceylon -

100 His Majestys Board of Ordnance has settled, we understand with the — Agents of the Captors here for the Military Stores captured upon the Island of Ceylon, valued at Pagodas (11,0583) on Pack, forty six thousand, five hundred and eighty three -

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1318/139/Establishment of a Tribunal of Justice and Police at Pondicherry



It were to be wished that your decree of the 30th May 1797. for the establishment of a tribunal and Police at Pondichery founded on the able opinions of your Attorney General, had been effectual in restoring to the Inhabitants a regular administration of Justice. But as it appears by your subsequent Dispatch of the 15th October 1798, that owing to the dissentions which have prevailed in the Superior Council and other causes, you have been under the necessity of recommending the protection of the peaceable Inhabitants and the preservation of tranquility to the care of the Military Officer in Command, we trust that the expense of the several judicial establishments were saved to the Company from the moment of their ceasing to have the desired effect. Indeed we cannot but consider the charges of these establishments as greatly exceeding

exceeding what was really necessary for the temporary purposes for which they were instituted, and therefore direct their immediate revision, as well as reconsideration of the allowances to various description of Persons at Pondicherry, which appears to us very much to exceed the bounds of propriety, and you will advise us of the result of your proceedings in consequence.

102 Since writing the preceding Paragraph we have been advised in your Military Dispatch of the 13th. August last of your resolution for the future evacuation of Pondicherry, and of your determination to remove from thence the remaining French Troops and European Inhabitants, and to march them to the Presidency, a measure which has met with our approbation. Still however it will be satisfactory

satisfactory to us to be informed of the amount of the allowances to the various descriptions of Persons to whom the same has been extended, and whether any reduction can consistently be made therein. With respect to the Prisoners you will no doubt avail yourselves of the first opportunity of sending them to Europe.—

/146 to 146 Appointment of General De Meuron to the Command of the Troops and with the General controul of all the Company's Affairs on Ceylon. Insurrection of the Inhabitants.

103 Under the circumstances stated in these Paragraphs we approve of the appointment of Brigadier General De Meuron to the temporary command of the Troops, and with the general Controul of all affairs upon the Island of Ceylon we had great pleasure in observing by your subsequent Dispatch of the 19th February 1798, that owing to the judicious arrangements adopted by that Officer under the able execution of Major Kenny the disturbances upon the Island had ceased.—

We

/145 & 147/ Regulation of the Exchange in paying Pay to the Troops in Ceylon

104 We approve of your determination upon the points mentioned in this Paragraph

/148/ Reduction of the advanced pay to the Artificers employed in Ceylon

105 For the reasons assigned by the Military Auditor General, we approve of your resolution for reducing the number as well as the Pay of the Artificers employed on the Island of Ceylon.

/146/ Mentions that the endeavours of Genl. Dessaussure to establish Courts of Justice at Colombo have been ineffectual

106 Need no reply.

/150/ A Dutch Officer Prisoner of War hereinafter to be mentioned to Europe and granted Six Months Subsistence

107 Under the circumstances of the case we approve of your having granted Six Months subsistence to Major Von Prophalow, but except on very special occasions, your reasons for which must be very fully stated for our information, we forbid the granting of Pay or Subsistence in future to Prisoners of War upon their being sent as Passengers to this Country.

/151/ Table allowance limited to the Commanders of Trincomalee

108 We approve of the Table allowance of /100/ Pagodas pr. month to

the Commanding Officer at Trincomalee during War, and which is to be considered as a charge upon the Revenues of the Island of Ceylon and brought to account accordingly.-

/152 & 154/ Allowances by General Stuart on Bengal after his appointment to the Chief Command at Bombay - debited to the latter Presidency -

109 Although the point itself is not of importance, yet as General Stuart did not draw his Allowances as Commander in Chief at Bombay, until after his arrival there notwithstanding his appointment was not issued some months previous thereto it seems proper that that Presidency should be debited for the allowances paid him in the intermediate period.-

/155 & 159/ Army Cloathing Contract -

110 We approve of your proceedings respecting the Army Cloathing Contract for 1797/8 and 1798/9, as advised in this and in your Subsequent Dispatch of the 15th October 1798, We trust that upon the expiration of the contracts referred to in your last mentioned Letter

Letter, you experienced the same facility
in adjusting the accounts of the Contractor
as in settling those under the preceding
Contract. — In your Letter of the 13.th
August last we have been advised of
the conclusion of a similar contract for
1799/1800.

(160/161) Contribution towards the repairs of the fortifications round the Black Town

111 We approve of the contri-
bution which has been made on the
Company's Account in aid of the private
Subscriptions of the Inhabitants of the
Settlement for repairing the Black —
Town Wall, and we direct that you
acquaint us whether the fortifications
are now in a complete state of defence.

(162) Application of Lieutenant Colonel Wahab for Cadetships for his two Sons

112 We have considered the request
of Lieutenant Colonel Wahab, that his two
Sons may be appointed Cadets on your
Establishment and have resolved that it
be not complied with; but you will perceive
by our Letter of the 3.d Instant they have

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obtained a Nomination in the way therein stated.

[103] Application of Captain Fraser to be allowed to retire upon the Pay of Brevet rank which he would have attained had not been invalided.

113 However we may commiserate the sufferings of Captain Fraser, we cannot admit of so material a deviation from the Established Military regulations as a compliance with his request would occasion.

[104 & 105] Number of Officers permitted to return to England on Furlough

114 Need no reply.

[105] Magazine at Chagar damaged by lightning.

115 We approve of the orders which were issued for the repair of this building

[107] Defective State of the Buildings & Works under the Superintendance of Captain Wood of the Engineers

116 This Subject so far as relates to Captain Wood will be hereafter replied to. But as it appears by your Letter to the Chief Engineer of the 2d. November 1790 that reports had reached you of a clandestine connection between the Contractors and some of the Engineers appointed to superintend their Works, we much approve of your resolution, advised in the 35th Paragraph of your Military Dispatch of the 19th February 17[illegible] that

that all Officers of that Corps who may hereafter be employed in executing Buildings and repairs shall be personally answerable for their stability for a certain period after the completion of the Works, and that Officers employed in superintending the works of Contractors shall be liable to refund their Percentage in cases of failure within that period and to such further mark of disapprobation as the case may require But as the Period of twelve Months, inserted in your resolution, is in our opinion much too short, we direct that you amend the same by inserting three years, — agreeably to the before mentioned suggestion of the Military Board, instead of twelve Months, unless there are objections to the Period we have proposed of which we are not at present aware of the Regulations for Military

Buildings

Buildings and repairs referred to in the 20th. Paragraph of your letter of the 2d. January 1799 we have already — signified our approbation.—

/ 1683 to 1772 / Miscellany II / Buildings & Repairs.

Your several determinations upon the points mentioned in these Paragraphs have received our approbation. In the 90th Paragraph of your — subsequent Dispatch of 15th. October 1798 we are informed of your Resolution to accept the offer of Lieutenant Colonel John Murray to execute the repairs at the Cavalry station at Coimatore upon honor but by your more recent letter of 13th. August last we find that under the circumstances of your Army — being about to take the field in February preceding, you had been induced to postpone the execution of this work — upon it's being resumed & completed you will report to us —

whether

whether it has been performed to your satisfaction and in an economical and substantial manner.

1773 & 1778 Reform in the mode of supplying the Army with Spirituous Liquors

118 In the 97th. Paragraph of our Despatch in the Military Department dated the 26th. June 1797, we signified our approbation of the reference which was made to the Military Board for the purpose of their suggesting a better System for Supplying the Troops with Spirituous Liquors, than had hitherto prevailed; upon an attentive Perusal of the Subsequent proceedings we have every reason to be satisfied with the result of the reference and have only to express our further approbation of the new System which has been adopted for the future conduct of this Department and of the Subsidiary Regulations suggested by the Military Board

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for carrying the same into execution.
For the reasons which have been —
assigned we also approve of your
having authorized the Military
Auditor General to write off the Sum
of Pagodas 22695/ Twenty two —
thousand six hundred and ninety
five to the head of "Expedition against
the French Island being the loss —
which the Company sustained in
the increased price of spirits occasion
-ed by the encreased demand in —
consequence of the intended Expedition
against the Mauritius..

1795 1801 Referring to their proceedings for the particulars of the preparations in regard to Stores — Ammunition & — provisions for the Expedition to Manilla

119 We approve of the Proceedings referred to in these Paragraphs..

1801 A Donation of one Month's Batta granted to the Troops embarked on the Expedition in consequence of the Expences they incurred in Equipping themselves

120 We likewise approve of the Resolution advised in this Paragraph.

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| [192 & 194] Noticing the want of zeal in the Commanders of the Companys Ships ordered for the Expedition particularly Captain Stevens of the Seres | 121 | Your representations on these Paragraphs have been properly attended to |
| [195] Relative to the projected expedition against Manilla | 122 | Already replied to. |
| [196] Noticing the zeal and alacrity of Captain Barrow of the Britannia in preparing his Ships for an Expedition against a French Privateer | 123 | We are much pleased with the zeal and alacrity of Captain Barrow of the Britannia on the instance mentioned in this Paragraph. |
| [197] Mentions that the Mr Clerks General has been instructed to adjust the accounts of the intended Expedition against Manilla | 124 | A Statement of the Expence incurred on account of the proposed — — expedition to Manilla has since been transmitted to us. |
| [198 and 199] Advising the death of Mr Swan the Chief Surgeon & the appointment of Mr Ramsay to succeed to the vacancy at the Medical Board | 125 | Need no reply. |
| [199] Claim of Mr Quarros to compensation for the use of two Houses for the purposes of the Troops | 126 | Having no means of enquiry to ascertain the justice of Mr Quarros Claim for Compensation for the |

use.

use of two Houses said to be occupied by the Company's Troops several years ago, we directed that you take Mr Duncrofs Memorials in consideration and if you shall be satisfied after examination that his Claim is founded, you will allow him such compensation as shall be thought reasonable - We must remark however, in aid of your decision that in the Memorials submitted to our consideration, the demand for Rent is from September 1782 to April 1785 Three years, and Six Months, whereas the Bill tendered in 1785 in Mr Ducrofs behalf was only for two years and nine Months amounting to Pagodas [990] nine hundred and ninety

191 a 195/ Petition of Mr Johnstone Arrack Sales Paymaster &c Triplicane

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Will be replied to hereafter

[1790] Contains a list of Casualties

[1797] Mentions the Widows of Major Kennedy and Captain Kelly having taken the oaths of qualification in order to entitle them to Lord Clives bounty

128 Need no reply

[1788 1791] Pensions to the Widows of Surgeons Lucas and Gordon

129 We approve of your resolutions respecting the rate of Pension to be granted from Lord Clives Fund to the Widows of Surgeons Lucas and Gordon, as advised in these Paragraphs, nor has the perusal of Mr Gordons Memorial referred to in your letter of the 16th. Febuary 1798. occasioned any alteration in our opinion upon that subject -

130 As it is material that we should be accurately informed from time to time of the amount of Pensions which have been granted at your Presidency upon the Military Fund, we direct that you annually transmit to us a List of the Persons to whom such Pensions

Pensions have been or may be granted,
with the amount of the Pensions, notwithstanding
such casualties as may have occurred within
the year.

200 Capt. Tomkinson's
resolution at his own
request, and Sentence
of Natolan permitted
to resign the Service

201 & 202 The Detach-
ment of Royal
Artillery serving
at Madras ordered
by His Royal Highness
the Duke of York
to the Cape and the
Officers, non
commissioned Officers
Drummers & Invalids
of the 71st Regiment
ordered to England

131 Recd no reply

203 & 204 Request
Orders for the adjustment
of Claims for Passage
Money from the
Cape to Madras.

132 Respecting the Sums to be
paid as Passage Money from the Cape of
Good Hope to England, we have to inform
you, that by an agreement with the
Kings Secretary at War, Government
are to pay the Commanders of the Company
Freighted Ships, for the Passage and
accommodation of such of His Majesty's
Officers

Officers Non Commissioned Officers, Privates and others who may proceed thereupon, the undermentioned Rates being 15/8th of the Established allowance granted by the Counts Regulations of the 27th July 1795, for corresponding Ranks as recited above on the outward bound Voyage to the East Indies &c.

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| For a General Officer | | £ 156. 5 . . |
| Colonel | | 125. . . |
| Lieutenant Colonel & Major | each | 93. 15. . |
| Captain & Captain Lieutenant | each | 78. 2. 6. |
| Lieutenant, Ensign | each | 65. 12 . 6. |
| Chaplain, Paymaster | each | 78. 2. 6 |
| Adjutant, Quarter Master | each | 15. 12. 6. |
| Non Commissioned Officers & Privates Wives of D.o & Children of Ten years of Age and upwards | each | 8. 15. . |

Children

Children above five years of age and under Ten . . . . } £ and 4. 7. 6.

And for those of five years of age and under . . . } nothing

And we therefore direct that thereremaining 2/3 of such outward-bound Passage-Money be considered as the Allowance for regulating the Passage Allowances for such of His Majesty's Officers, and others proceeding from the Cape of Good Hope to India, at the Company's expense being as follows.

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| For a General Officer . . . . | £. 93. 15. " |
| Colonel . . . . . | " 75. " " |
| Lieutenant Colonel & Major each | 56. 5. " |
| Captain & Captain-Lieutenant each | 46. 17. 6. |
| Lieutenant & Ensign each . . . | 39. 7. 6 |
| Chaplain, Paymaster each . . | 46. 17. 6. |
| Adjutant, Quarter Master each | 39. 7. 6 |
| Non Commissioned Officers & Privates Wives of Do. & Children of Ten years of Age and upwards each | 5. 5. |

Children

Children above five years of Age and under 10 each ... ... } £ 2..12.6.

And for those of 5 years of age and under ... ... } – nothing

133 We must however observe that the Cape of Good Hope not being a Settlement under the charge of the Company we are decidedly of opinion that no passage-- money should allowed on account of His Majestys Officers and others proceeding to India therefrom unless they accompany such Regiments or Detachments of Troops from His Majestys Regiments serving at the Cape of Good Hope or otherwise, as may be deemed requisite for the Strengthening of our European Forces at our-- several Presidencies in India..

[203] Major General Goddard having applied for leave to draw his Staff allowances during leave of absence granted him for the benefit of his health - consideration such allowance granted for performance of Duties declared compliance - But as a matter of Course Regt Courts Orders --

134 Your construction of the Orders for granting Staff Allowances was perfectly correct - and you are to consider it as a General Rule that when General Officers on Staff obtain leave of absence --

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from the Presidency under which they serve, their staff allowances are to cease from the time they quit the Settlement

135 When Officers of inferior Rank to Colonels, are permitted to quit the Station at which they Command, for their own convenience the difference of Batta to such Officers, we conclude ceases of Course, and is drawn by their temporary Successors with respect to the Colonels of Regiments as by the Regulations they are constantly allowed full Batta when they are permitted to vacate the Commands of Stations, it seems but just that the Company should make good to the Officers in temporary succession the difference of Batta the latter is allowed by the usual practice or Regulations of the Service, and we therefore approve of your having acted conformably

[20] Under the former System the Company were at no expense for Batta to Officers succeeding to temporary Commands during absence of others appointed Hence to that as Colonels always receive full Batta by the new Regulations they are not responsible to temporary Successors therefore full Batta to the latter stand by the Company regards Consult

conformably to this opinion, but as from the great number of cantonments and Garrisons, to the Command of which Officers are posted, the expence to the Company, by the difference of Batta allowed to such Officers is very considerable, amounting according to the Military Statement of April 1796 to Rs 14,000 pr Annum, it is an object meriting your serious attention, how far the situation of Officers holding such Commands renders it necessary to continue the usual practice in this case, and whether the Regulation now in force, may not be rescinded, or by abolishing altogether, or consolidating several of the inferior Commands under one, a material reduction in the Expence may not be effected. You will therefore give this point your early and deliberate consideration and

and report to us your opinion thereon.

204 Colonel Gent of the Engineers represented as the most considerable sufferer by the introduction of the new Military System.

136. We do not consider the case of Colonel Gent of the Engineers as coming within that description of Officers to whom relief was to be afforded under the orders which accompanied the new Military Regulations of the 15th January 1796, neither can we admit the augmentation of Allowances thereby granted to the Chief Engineer to have a retrospective operation

208 & 210 Reference relative respecting the deficiency of Subaltern Officers

137 In consequence of your representation upon this subject 74 Cadets were appointed for the Infantry and Cavalry Corps under your Presidency in the Course of the past Season and 159 will be nominated for the present Season.

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/211/ Forwarding a General Mast of the Companys Possessions on the Coast of Commandel

/212/ Forwarding a Statement of Advances to Officers who have been permitted to Embark for England

/213/ Mentions the Periods to which Subsistence &c to the Officers now commg. comes Officers and Privates of His Majesty's 71st Regiment and Royal Artillery have been paid

138 Need no reply

/214/ Requiring the Report from Captain Lieutenant Caldwell relative to the Completion of the Plan for draining the Swamps at Masulipatam

139 The Report of Captain Lieutenant Caldwell, referred to, in the Paragraph on the completion of the Plan for draining the Swamp at Masulipatam was perused with great pleasure. With respect to Captain Caldwells proposal alluded to, in the 7th Paragraph of your Military Dispatch of the 19th February 1798 for forming a Canal from the Fort to the Pettah, although you were deterred by the Expense, estimated at fourteen or fifteen thousand Pagodas, from authorizing the execution of it at the time

time the proposal was made to you, yet as it appears to be a work of evident utility you will consider of the propriety of the work being proceeded on, at a period that may be more auspicious to undertakings of this nature when you will likewise consider of the means by which the Expense may be defrayed, by the laying a Toll upon Boats passing that way or otherwise, as may be deemed most eligible.

/215/ Forwarding Duplicate Accounts of Medicines and Utensils &c. — 140 A Reply to this will be found in our answer to the 34th Paragraph of your Military Letter of the 15th October 79

/216/ Forwarding Accounts disbursements for the Subsistance of Public and Prince Subjects also to Burmah — 141 We have already directed you to continue to furnish us from time to time with similar Statements it being essential that we should be constantly in the knowledge of all such disbursements, to the latest period.

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/217/ Advising the number of Charter party Passengers embarked on several Ships -
/218/ Forwarding Certificates respecting Officers coming home on Sick Leave

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Need no reply

/219 à 225/ Recommendation of Mr Skardon for an Allowance of Pagodas /300/ three hundred Pr Month during the time he acted as Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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We observe that when Mr Skardon in August 1794, was appointed to succeed Mr Cockburn in the Office of acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, Agent for procuring Bullocks, and for the provision of Gram for the Cavalry, he was at that time Paymaster at Pondicherry and Chinglepaut from which he was not then removed. In directing you therefore to adjust Mr Skardon's Allowances at the rate of /300/ three hundred Pagodas a Month for the three years in which you have stated that he continued to perform the joint Duties of this laborious and important Office without any Salary whatsoever, the allowances which Mr Skardon received within that period either as Paymaster, or in any other Situation.

must be deducted from the amount. But our acquiescence in your recommendation for this adjustment of Mr Skardon's Salary as Commissary General &c. is given upon this sole condition, that the Office whilst it was in his hands was not a nominal but a real and efficient one, the Duties of which were faithfully, diligently and satisfactorily executed.—

[220] Forwarding proceeding & [227] Transmitting certificates of Military Stores Landed from Swiss & Ships ... 144 Need no reply.

# Answer to the letter in the Military Department

## Dated 19th February 1798.

Para [1 & 4] In acknowledgement of and in answer to the Board's letter of 19th April. 145 Need no reply.

[5] Memorial of certain Engineer Officers on consequence of the re-admission of Engineers into that Corps. 146 Having in the 9th Paragraph of our Military Letter of the 4th May 1796 declared ourselves satisfied, in the terms of the act of Parliament of the thirty third

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of His present Majesty, that the return of Ensign Arthur Forrest to his Duty on your Establishment was prevented by inevitable accident, we cannot but consider the remonstrance which you have forwarded to us from certain Officers of the Corps of Engineers against our determination for his readmission into the service without prejudice to his rank, highly unbecoming in those who's names are subscribed to the memorial, as setting an example of Insubordination and disrespect to the Supreme Civil Authority utterly incompatible with good Government.

(1787) Captain Scott permitted to proceed to the Cape, and ultimately to England for the recovery of his Health — 147 Needs no reply.

(1788) Constitutional appointment of Mr Shuttleworth Mate of the Swallow Packet to act as an Assistant Surgeon — 148 Under the Circumstances stated in your advices and proceedings respecting the appointment of Mr Shuttleworth to act as an Assistant Surgeon

Surgeon on your Establishment subject to our Approbation, we have agreeably to your recommendation, confirmed that appointment from the 9th January 1793 the day on which it took place.

/9/ Table Money to Lieutenant Colonel Fraser during his Command at Trincomalee

119 For the reasons you have assigned we approve of the allowance of Table Money to Lieutenant Colonel Fraser, during the period of his Command at Trincomalee.

/10/ Table allowance to the Commandant at Pondicherry

150 We likewise approve of the Table Allowance of /100/ one hundred Pagodas a Month to the Officer holding the Command at Pondicherry during the temporary Absence of Major General Brathwaite Upon the Evacuation of Pondicherry this Allowance, of course ceased

/11/ Corps of Pascars. 151. Already replied to

/12 & 13/ Relative to the distribution of several of the Majesty's Corps — /14/ Mentions that the 6th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry stationed at Masulipatam being ordered to return to this Presidency

152 Need no reply.

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/15 & 18/ Augmentation of Native Infantry added to the Strength of the Army

153 The reasons assigned in your Several Dispatches for the additions which have been made to the Strength of the Coast Army, at the time when the augmentations were agreed upon are perfectly satisfactory -

/19 & 20/ General Floyds Inspection Reports of the Cavalry

/21 & 22/ Kings Troops Commissions

/23 & 24/ Absent Officers Struck off

154 Already replied to -

/29/ A presentation of the Surplus provisions Shipped for the projected Expedition against Manilla forwarded to Ceylon Amboyna and Banda for the use of the Troops at those Islands

155 Needs no reply

/30/ Carriage Contract

156 We have perused your Proceedings referred to in this and in your subsequent Dispatch of the 15th October 1798, relative to the provision of Gun Carriages - The Military Board, in consequence of a reference for that purpose

purpose, and after due consideration having recommended that the provision of Gun Carriages &c. should be continued by Contract, which has been found by experience the most eligible mode of Supply, we approve of your Acceptance of the terms offered by Messrs. Goldingham and Sys, as the most advantageous to the Company that were offered.

Military Badges awarded the Sepoys who remained for foreign Service during the War

157 The manner in which it is proposed to distinguish the native Troops who have volunteered on foreign Service during the present War has met with our entire Approbation being consonant to our own Sentiments expressed in the 11th Paragraph of our Letter in the Military Department of 24th of September 1795. of the mode in which the attachment and Fidelity of the Sepoys should be rewarded. We are advised in your subsequent advices of the 2d January 1799

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of the delivery of the Honorary Badges to these Troops.

/32 & 33/ A Pension granted to the Family of a deceased Subadar in approbation of his uncommon zeal and attachment

158 We likewise approve for the reasons you have assigned, of the Pension you have allowed to the Family of the late Shumshur Khan, Subedar of the 6th Regiment of Native Cavalry

/34/ Proposed additions and improvements to the Fortifications at Dendigul

159 The late glorious event of the conquest of the Mysore Dominions, and the consequent partition thereof by which our Frontier has been extended will we conceive, obviate the necessity of the proposed additions and improvements to the Dendigul Fortifications upon which subject, we direct that you report to us your opinion.

/35/ Regulations respecting Engineer Officers appointed to the Superintendence of Public Works

160 Already replied to

/36 & 37/ Increase of the Quarter masters Generals Allowances

161 Having in a Preceding Paragraph signified our approbation of the new Regulations by which the General charges

of all the Military Quarters Barracks and Camp Equipage vested in the Quarter Master General, we shall not disapprove of the increase to the former allowances to this Officer, on account of the great increase of official Duties thereby imposed on him, at a distance from the Presidency, which Duties it appears by your subsequent Dispatch of 13th October, Paragraphs 116 and 117 he has discharged in a very able and satisfactory manner, but we refer you to a subsequent part of this Letter, for our final decision on the allowances to the Adjutant and Quarter Master Generals

'32 & 45 Bills drawn on us against Mr George Hoare late Paymaster to the Army

132 In the 3d and 4th Paragraphs of our Letter of the 5th December 1798, you were advised of our determination upon this Subject -

'40347 Accounts of Mr Samuel Johnstone late Paymaster at Prestonpans

163 Already replied to

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/48849/ A small sum overdrawn by Major Borthwicke of the 71st Regement of which repayment was not enforced

164 Need no reply

/51/ The Affairs of Lieutenant Colonel Hart late Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops entrusted to the care of General Harris

165 In a Subsequent Paragraph you have advised us of this charge having been relinquished by General Harris, and transferred to Major Gardner, and in your Letter of the 15th. October 1798. we are acquainted that Colonel Hart has resumed his former Situation of Deputy Paymaster of the Kings Troops serving under your Presidency. We have only therefore, to signify our approbation of your having called upon Colonel Hart for the Payment of the Balance due by him to the Company, agreeably to our Orders of the 20th. June 1797. amounting to Pagodas /12571/ twelve thousand, five hundred and seventy one and which appears by your last mentioned Dispatch to have been discharged.

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| /51/ Claim of General Hamus, to be reimbursed the Expences incurred from Bengal to the Cast. - - - /52 & 53/ Provision of Horses for the Cavalry | 166. | Already replied to. |
| /54/ Lieutenant Colonel Halkett permitted to retire on the Pay of his Rank /55 & 56/ Contain the names of several Officers permitted to proceed to England on Furlough - - - | 167 | Need no reply. |
| /57 to 59/ Relative to additional allowance to Hinges Regiments | 168 | The Instructions you received from Bengal, on this Subject, have been approved by us. - |
| /60/ A Court of Equity established at Columbo | 169 | Will be noticed, in our Dispatches to the Governor of Ceylon. - |
| /61/ Advising the purchase of considerable quantities of Salt Provisions from the Contractor for victualling His Majestys Ships, and requesting the Court to adjust the Account with the victualling Office | 170 | We shall settle with the Commissioners of the victualling Office for the salt Provisions which in consequence of your insufficient stock you were obliged to borrow from the Naval contractor. |
| /62/ Troops sent to ~~Bengal~~ Prince of Wales Island and supplied. /63/ Are preparing to send provisions &c. for the Troops at Malacca | 171 | Need no reply. |

/64/

/64/ Company's Claim on the Late Captain Samson for one hundred Guineas advanced him by the Court of Directors reason to apprehend that it will not be recovered in consequence of the insolvency of his Estate.

172 Captain Samson having died insolvent, we have no further directions to give you, respecting the Company's Claim upon that Officer.

/65 & 66/ Forwarding Major Allans Geographical Observations &c. on the Ceded Countries &c. - - - - - - - - -

173 Major Allans Geographical observations &c. on the Ceded Countries have been submitted to the inspection of Major Rennell.

/67/ Transmitting Sketches by Captain Orr, of the Routes of the Detachment serving with the Nizam and recommending that Officer to the favorable notice of the Court of Directors.

174 We entertain a due sense of the merit of Captain Orr, in the production here spoken of. We observe by 30th. Paragraph of your subsequent Despatch of the 15th. October 1796, that Captain Orr was nominated to Command the Corps of Guides during the absence of Major Beatson in Bengal, since then we have been advised, in your Letter of the 13th. August last, of his appointment to succeed that Officer in the Command of the Corps of Guides, an appointment which has received our approbation.

1688 & 89/ Trans mitting Several Plans and Geographical materials by Captain Mackenzie supplementary to his general map of the Nizams Domenions. and forwarding out his Maitis to the Courts Motaw



The several Plans and geographical Materials executed by Captain Colin Mackenzie, referred to in these Paragraphs, have been submitted to the inspection of Major Rennell as was also Captain Mackenzie's Map of the Nizam's Dominions, formerly transmitted to us, to which the Plans before mentioned, are supplementary. As in the 30th Paragraph of your Subsequent Dispatch of the 15th October 1798, you have repeated your recommendation of this Officer for some pecuniary compensation on account of his Maps and surveys, we authorise you to present him with the sum of Pagodas/2400/ two thousand four hundred, for his past services in this line, & approve of your having allowed him a Salary of Pagodas/200/ two hundred a month in addition to his Pay and Allowances as Engineer with the Hydrabad Detachment

-ment as advised in the 11th Paragraph of your Letter dated 2d January 1799 — which additional allowance is to cease upon the completion of his Surveys, of the progress and completion of which, you will advise us.—

/70 & 71/ Works at Masulipatam and Captain Caldwell — 176 Already replied to

/72 & 73/ Desertion of the Native Troops in the Northern Circars — 177 The total annihilation of the French Force at Hydrabad, under Monsieur Raymond, to whose Emissaries the principal cause of this desertion, has been attributed, will we trust, be a means of preventing similar desertions in future. It were however earnestly to be wished that the natural aversion of the native Troops to distant Service could be overcome.—

/74 to 89/ Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's money Transactions in the Province of Dindygul — 178 Our determination upon the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, was communicated to you — in our Public Despatch of the 5th June last

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90 & 91 Disturbances on Ceylon. } 179 — Already replied to

92 Acknowledging the receipt of the Courts dispatches of the 20th and 30th June } 180 — Need no reply.

93 In part an answer to the Courts Letter of the 20th June.

94 Subbendy Corps — 181 — We derived much information upon the subject of Subbendy Corps from the able minute of Lieutenant-General Harris, referred to in your subsequent Despatch of the 15th October 1798, whatever doubts we had previously entertained relative to the expediency of maintaining a separate distinct Corps under this denomination they have been completely removed, by the perusal of this minute, at least so far as respects the necessity of maintaining such Corps in the northern and southern Provinces, as a temporary measure, until the Company's Tributaries and the Inhabitants of those Countries, shall have made a greater progress toward Civilization. This subject will of Course again come

come under consideration, when you shall deliberate on the alteration which the present situation of Affairs, it may be expedient to make in the strength both our regular and irregular Forces under your Presidency, when we trust that such reform will be made in the latter, as may be consistent with the preservation of the tranquility of the Country, and the Security of the Revenues

95 to 104 / answers to the Court's Letter of the 20th June continued } 182 Need no reply

105 and 106 / Failure of the Plan for recruiting the Madras Army with Sepoys from Bengal } 183 We had much satisfaction in observing by the Minute of the Commander in Chief dated 1. May 1798, that the difficulty so long experienced in procuring recruits in the Carnatic for your native Regiments, is in some degree, diminished upon the receipt of the expected report from the Revenue Board on the subject of establishing the native Invalids upon

upon the waste Lands, agreeably to the sug-
gestion in our Letter of the 20th June 1797. as
an encouragement for enlisting, we shall
take the same into our consideration. we
are of opinion that your native Army may
now be recruited from the Mysore Country.

[107 a 127] Continuation of answer to the Court's Letter of the 20th June

184. Need no Reply

[128 a 131] Relative to the Court's Orders respecting Messrs Roebuck & Abbott the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs

185. We have not yet been advised of the opinion of your Attorney General on the subject of our Orders of the 20th June 1797. respecting Messrs Roebuck and Abbott. the Contractors for buildings and repairs. nor of your resolution therein. It will however, afford us great satisfaction of the late Regulations which you have established for checking the disbursements in the department of Buildings and Repairs, shall be effectual to the remedy of former abuses and ensure their stability as well as the observance of the strictest economy in this branch of the publick expenditure

expenditure, and we rely with confidence on your promised vigilance in watching the conduct of the Superintending Engineers to whose connivance or neglect, as you very justly observe are to be imputed, most of the abuses which have prevailed in this Department of our Service.

[132 to 135] Answers to the Court's Letter of the 20th June continued — 186 — Need no Reply.

[136] Regulations relative to the provision of Spirituous Liquors — 187 — Already replied to

[137 and 138] Mr Bowie's Tent Contract — 188 — We are satisfied with the explanation in these Paragraphs, on the subject of Mr Bowie's Tent Contract, in reply to our observations contained in the 98th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 20th June 1797, and having considered the circumstances stated in the Letter from the Military Board, of the 24th May 1798, referred to in your subsequent Dispatch of the 15th October following, we approve of your having engaged with Mr

Mr Bowie, for the delivery of the additional number of Tents required for the publick Service, above the quantity specified in the contract and on the same terms as you appear to have been satisfied, that more advantageous ones could not at that time have been obtained for the Company the extension of Mr Bowie's Tent Contract to the 30th of April next, for the reasons assigned in your Subsequent Dispatch of the 13th August last, has met with our approbation.

/139/ Respecting the recommendations for the provision of Military Stores and to be supplied with buff Belts for all the Troops

189 This is fully replied to in our answer to the 34th Paragraph of your Military Letter of the 15th October 1798.

/140 to 144/ Answer to the Courts letter of the 20th June Continued

190 Need no Reply.

/145/ Passage Money

191 A misconstruction having been put upon our resolutions of the 27th July 1796 by several Commanders of our Freighted Ships in respect to the Passage Money Allowed them for the conveyance and

and accommodation to England at their Tables of such of his Majestys Officers as conformably to our orders shall be sent to Europe at the charge of the Company; we have to acquaint you that in granting these several allowances, in lieu of those usually received by virtue of the Courts Resolutions under date the 3d. June 1794, we duly considered the encrease Rate of the Price of every Article in the necessary Provision for an Eastern Voyage from this Country to our different Settlements and the consequent Charge of maintaining his Majestys Officers returning to England independent of the Burthen upon the Company, when the expence thereof is sustained by us

The Passage of our Ships from India to England, we are free to acknowledge have of late been of extreme length, when compared to a regular voyage in time of Peace, and on which

which account so far as has come within our knowledge we have made an equitable remuneration to the commanders as the circumstances of the case upon application have appeared to merit.—

192. From this statement you will be informed of the real motives which induced us to encrease the allowances beyond those of a former period for Passengers returning to England from our several Presidencies in India equally with Persons going further of the description enumerated in our printed Orders under date the 27th July 1796.—

193 In framing the Sums allowed to be taken by the Commanders on the occasion of our Servants returning to England, as specified in the subsequent part of our printed Orders of the 27th July 1796. it was done with a view to prevent that extortion on the Part of our Commanders which has

has in some instances been practised and was not even intended as a ruling Principle for them to be paid these specific Sums upon every occasion of Persons returning to Europe at their own expence, but to be varied according to circumstance and the ability or the means of the Persons thus coming to England might enable them to Pay for such Passage and accommodation on board our several Ships our object being solely to guard the Passengers from such extravagant Demands in future, and to enable them to procure a Passage back to this Country at as moderate a Rate, as with a just regard to the Interest of the Commanders it could reasonably be afforded them, and with a design to hold our Commanders accountable to us in England for refusing to grant our returning Servants a Passage home at the Rates thereon stipulated.—

194 Having thus explained our reasons for extending the allowance of Passage Money to our several Commanders by our Resolutions of the 27th July 1796. and the sums to be paid in future for His Majestys Officers coming to England under the circumstances already within your Knowledge; together with the Principle which guided our Judgement in determining on what might reasonably be taken by the respective Commanders of our freighted Ships agreable to our Resolutions beforementioned We hereby positively forbid your granting an encreased Rate of Passage Money than is allowed to be received by our aforesaid Regulations, on account of His Majesty's Officers returning to England, when the expence thereof is borne by the Company; except in those cases wherein our subsequent Resolution of the 7th April 1798 refers,

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and of which you have been previously informed, Viz.t.

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| For a General Officer - - | 250 |
| Colonel ..... | 200 |
| Lieutenant Colonel & Major | 150 |
| Captain - - - - - | 125 |
| Lieutenant & Ensign .. | 105 |

And for such other Officers not here described an equal Sum correspondent with their relative rank.-

146 & 150 Answer to the Courts Letter of 20.th June concluded
151 & 154 In answer to the Courts Letter of the 30.th June - - -
153 Acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Ramsay's Letters of the 8.th and 19.th July - - - -

195 Need no Reply.-

156 & 157 Relative to the Complaint of ill treatment to the Wurtemburg Regiment of Prisoners of War at Madras

195 We have much satisfaction in observing by the Papers you have transmitted to us, that there is no foundation for the Complaint of ill Treatment to the Regiment of Wurtemberg. Indeed we should have felt great concern if any

any exception had been found at either of our Presidencies to the liberality and indulgence usually shewn by British Officers to Prisoners of War in every other Quarter of the Globe.-

/158/ Transmitting distributation return of the Officers and Men of His Majesty's Drafted Regiments embarked on several of the Company's Ships - 197 Need no Reply

/159/ Enclosing Statement of Salt Provision supplied the Commanders of the Company's Ships -

/160 & 161/ Application from Captain Madden of the 52d. requesting the discharge of an eight per Cent Bond for 5000 five thousand Pagodas - 198 Our directions upon this subject were communicated to you in the 4th and 5th Paragraphs of our Letter in the Public Department dated the 17th October 1799.-

/162 & 163/ Forwarding a Statement of the Expences incurred on account of the proposed Expedition to Manilla 199 Need no Reply.- We must however remark, that we had great satisfaction in noticing the zeal and alacrity shewn by all Parties concerned, in forwarding the preparations for this Expedition, particularly the Military Board, whose Meritorious exertions upon that occasion

/164 & 165/ Forwarding Proceedings of the Military Board upon the Subject of the Manilla Expedition

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stand conspicuous.-

60 Regulations for the Garrison Store Department

200 We have perused the letter from the Military Auditor General, dated the 4th January 1798, proposing sundry Regulations for the Garrison Store Department As these Regulations appear well calculated for bringing the Office of Garrison Storekeeper under effectual Check and Controul, we approve of their having been adopted with the single Alteration of delivering his Accounts upon Oath instead of upon honor, as at first proposed.-

201 As it has been represented in your subsequent Dispatch of the 15th October 1798, that these Regulations add a considerable degree of labour and responsibility to the Office of Garrison Storekeeper, and are at the same time calculated to limit the Advantages of his Office to his Salary of

of Pagodas /150/ one hundred and fifty p.r Month
and as you have further represented that
this Salary, under the new System of
Regulation, is unequal to the trouble
and responsibility of that Office, we
have in consequence of these Representa-
tions, agreed to augment the Salary of
the Garrison Storekeeper at your Presiden-
cy to Pagodas /200/ two hundred p.r Month
202 The Regulations establishes
for the Garrison Storekeeper's Department
having rendered complete the System
of Regulation of Military Disbursemen
at your Presidency, by bringing every
branch of your extensive Military
Expenditure under effectual check
and controul, we rely upon the
continuance of your vigilance and the
constant attention of your Military
Board, to see that the Regulations in
the respective Departments be strictly
adhered

adhered to.— That the Company may reap the full benefit of these Regulations, — which will depend on the continued zeal and activity of your military Auditor General, of whose fidelity, industry, and ability, we have reason to entertain the highest opinion; and who in the faithful and diligent discharge of the duties of his station, may rely upon our approbation and support.—

1670 1701 application of the Adjutant General to be placed upon a footing in respect to Allowances with the Quarter Master General

203 From the great estimation in which we held the Character and abilities of your late Adjutant General, Lieutenant Colonel Close, even previous to the knowledge of the distinguished Services rendered by him in the late war against Tippoo Sultan, we should have felt no hesitation in yielding to his request had he continued to occupy that situation, that his Allowances — should maintain their equality with those of the Quartermaster General.—

But

3rd we have the satisfaction to observe, by our late dispatches, that Lieutenant Colonel Close on account of his eminent talents and integrity, added to his Extraordinary Skill in the Country Languages, and to his experience in the manners, customs, and Habits of the natives of India had been selected by Lord Mornington [now Marquis Wellesly] for the important Charge of Resident with the Rajah of Mysore, an appointment which has received our entire approbation And as both the Governor General and Commander in Chief have borne most honorable Testimony to the ability Zeal, and energy displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Close during the late Mysoor Campaign thereby manifesting extensive knowledge, approved experience, superior talents, ardent valour, and indefatigable activity, we have

have resolved to present that Officer —
with a Sword to be made in England
of the value of £300/ three hundred Guineas
in testimony of the high sense which
we entertain of his Services upon that
memorable occasion.-

/ 171 and 172/ Captain John Leith appointed Judge advocate General

204 It is with reluctance that we signify our approbation to any new establishment as it appears however that the Post of Judge Advocate General — exists both at Bengal and Bombay we acquiesce for the reasons assigned by the Commander in Chief in the appointment of Captain John Leith to that Situation at your Presidency. But we have not deemed it necessary to make any augmentation to Captain Leith's Salary upon this occasion as Deputy Judge Advocate, having been advised in the 53. Paragraph of your Military Dispatch of 20th September 1793, that the average

Amount

Amount of the fees collected upon the delivery of attested Copies of the proceedings of Court Martial, when your Military Secretary officiated as Judge advocate, was not less than from (130 to 150) one hundred and thirty to one hundred & fifty Pagodas p.r Month. We have however agreed that the Judge Advocate General shall be paid at the rate of (5) five Pagodas a day for every day in which he may officiate in that capacity upon Courts Martial. The allowance which you have granted to that officer of a Lieutenant Colonel in the Field, as advised in the 11.th Paragraph of your letter of 13.th August last must immediately cease.

(1733 & 174) Removal of the Honorable Captain St. Leger from the Station of Gram Agent to the 3.d Regiment of Native Cavalry - for not proving unfounded Charges against the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Orr

205 We have perused the Minute of the Commander in Chief of the 10.th February 1798, and approve of your determination for removing the Honorable Captain St. Leger from the station of Gram Agent to the

the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, and we trust that this mark of your disapprobation will have a proper effect on the Conduct of that Officer. We are concerned to remark by the Inspection Reports of Major General Floyd, that the relaxed state of discipline in this Regiment is said to be owing to the unfortunate dissentions among the Officers We rely therefore, upon the endeavors of the Commander in Chief for putting an end to those dissentions, and for restoring the Regiment to a state of strict discipline and due subordination -

/1758 1761 Deputy Paymaster Generals to the Kings Troops - 206 Already replied to

/177/ Captain John Darley permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough 207 Needs no Reply

/1778/ Mentions the refusal of Passage Money to a Quarter Master of Dragoons 208 We approve of your having rejected the application made to you for Passage Money to a Quarter Master of Dragoons -

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/179 a 194/ Mutiny in the European Corps lately at St Thomas Mount and the conduct of Major General Gillespie

209 Will be replied to in a separate Paragraph.—

/195 a 199/ Addition to the Pay of His Majesty's and the Company's European Troops

210 We have considered with attention your proceedings on this subject as advised in this and your subsequent letter of the 15th. October 1798.—

211 The orders contained in our Military letter of 28th. December 1798. the consideration of which you advise in your Military letter of the 13th. August 1799, you had postponed were founded on his Majesty's Warrant of the 25th. May 1797, by which it appeared that the additions specifically stated in that letter were to be made to the Pay of the Non Commissioned and Private Europeans, the subsequent Warrant from His Majesty of the 5th. July 1797, was not then before us as your Resolutions for granting the increase of Pay are consistent with the latter Warrant they of Course have our approbation, altho we cannot but lament

lament the considerable encrease of expence incurred thereby.-

212 On the same grounds we cannot disapprove of your granting the arrears of the increased Pay to His Majestys Troops.-

213 His Majesty by his Warrant dated 6th. February 1799. having directed an alteration in the deductions to be made from the Pay of the non Commissioned Officers and Privates annexed to His Majestys Warrant of 5th. July 1797. we conclude the first mentioned Warrant has been recieved and given out in General Orders in India. We shall however forward to you some Copies of a Printed Book, containing this and other Regulations for His Majestys Forces which will be found of use to our Governments in India.-

214 Altho' you have not thought it necessary to continue the usual distinction between the Pay to the Artillery & Infantry

Infantry we are still of opinion such
distinction founded as it is upon a practice
of many years is both just and politic,
we therefore trust you will ere this have
carried our orders of 28th. December 1798.
on this point into effect.

215 We much approve of your
Resolution for declining to extend any
increase of Pay to the European Invalids
of your establishment for the cogent reasons
you have assigned in the 172d Paragraph
of your letter of the 15th October 1798

216 Respecting the observation
in 176 Paragraph of the same letter we
refer you to the Minute of the Commander
in Chief in India entered on your
proceedings of the 16th March 1799.
our Sentiments on this subject entirely
coincide with those of his Excellency -

217 It was with real concern
we read the observations contained in
the

The 197 & 198 Paragraphs of your letter of the 19th February 1798, and the Remarks of the Commander in Chief in India thereon, a Subject of this importance ought not to have been agitated unless absolute necessity had pressed upon you for your opinion. We forbear for the same reason further to animadvert thereon.

/200 & 201/ Proceedings of the Board of Officers for investigating the Causes of the Mutiny at St Thomas Mount approved and the Conduct of Captain Malcolm their Secretary particularly commended - - - - -

/202/ Referring to Instructions to the Military Auditor General for the Arrangements for paying the encreased subsistence to the European Troops

/203 & 204/ Relative to the Accounts of Mr Samuel Johnston - - -

218 Already replied to

/205/ Forwarding Indents for Medicines

209 Will be replied to in a subsequent part of this Despatch -

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/206/ Electrical Machines sent home for repair — 219 — Will be replied to in a subsequent part of this Despatch.

/207/ Contains a List of Casualties — 220 — Needs no Reply.

/208 & 209/ Mrs Godens Pension
/210 & 211/ Relative to the Supply of Spontaneous Liquors — 221 — Already Replied to.

/212/ Forwarding Statements of disbursements made on account of French and Dutch Subjects and Prisoners
/213/ Forwarding Certificates of Military and Marine Stores received by several Ships
/214/ Maps & Charts
/215/ Enclosing Certificate of Pay to Officers proceeding to England on Furlough
/216/ Forwarding Consultations
/217/ Transmitting List of Officers — 222 — Need no Reply.

## Answer to the Letter in the Military Department.

### Dated 15th October 1798

/Para 1/ Acknowledges the receipt of the Court's Despatches
/2 & 3/ In answer to the Court's Despatches of 18th October 1797 & the 2 & 14th March 1798 — 223 — Need no reply

1965/ Conduct of Major General Gils - 224

Our decision upon the Conduct of Major General Gils will be communicated to you in a separate Paragraph. As in consequence of that decision the Command of the Artillery devolves upon Major General Sydenham in whom the general superintendance of that Corps had been confided during the suspension of Major General Gils, we must observe that we should feel much regret in dispensing with the Services of Major General Sydenham in his present Office of Military Auditor General, the laborious and important duties of which he has hither-to discharged so much to his own honor and to our satisfaction, of his continuance therein should be thought incompatible with such command. It is impossible for us to review the late productions of this Officer in the several regulations which he has submitted

to

to you for establishing the most effectual check and controul in the various branches of your Military Expenditure without again expressing the high sense which we entertained of his zeal, application, and ability, and our earnest desire for his continuance in his present Office, until he shall obtain an appointment upon the Staff

[66268] General Sydenham's Report on the defective state of the Corps of Artillery.

225 The Report of Major General Sydenham referred to in these Paragraphs upon the defective state of the Artillery Corps is under consideration. You will have observed by our Military Dispatch of the 28th. December 1798 that the Pay of the Matrafs has been increased in proportion to that of the Private of Infantry which would obviate one of the causes assigned by General Sydenham for the gradual reduction of the number in each Battalion, on this point we refer you to a former part of this letter. We are

sensible

sensible with you of the diligent and zealous conduct of this Officer in his laudable endeavors to improve the discipline and promote the welfare of this essential Corps -

/69 a 72/ Sibbendy Corps — 226 Already replied to

/73/ Relative to the Proposal for appropriating Waste Lands to the native Invalids — 227 You will of course advise us of your decision upon this subject after you shall have received the opinion of the Revenue Board upon the Plan proposed

/74 a 76/ Referring to the Proceeding of an Inve leading Committee for the purpose of throwing off from the Cavalry Corps all such Men as from length of Service or Infirmity had become non effective — 228 We approve of your proceedings on the subject noticed in these Paragraphs -

/77 a 82/ Application from several Officers formerly in the Service of the Nabob to be allowed the benefit of their full Service in India — 229 We have considered the Memorial referred to in these Paragraphs from several Cavalry Officers formerly in the Service of the Nabob to be allowed the benefit of their full Service in India under

under the late Military Regulations, and for the reasons urged by the Commander in Chief in his Minute of the 21st. March 1798, we agreed to comply therewith.

'3/ Compensation for ... lys of Horses &c. ... ctual Service } 230 Already Replied to.

'4 & 89/ General ... lief of the Cavalry ... ps ..... } 231 The Minute of the Commander in Chief of the 13th. March 1798. has convinced us of the propriety of the proposition therein contained for the General Relief of all the Cavalry Corps and we therefore approve of your having concurred in the measure We likewise approve of the directions which have been issued, in consequence thereof, for the erection of temporary Stables and Barracks for the 3d. Regiment at Potoor, and for the additions and improvements to the Cavalry Cantonment at Arcot for the better accommodation of his majestys 25th. Dragoons, and direct that you acquaint us with the expense of these Works.

232 Since writing the preceding Paragraph we have been advised in your dispatch of the 2d. January 1799. that the Stables at Bataar had been completed, — that the work had been well executed, and that the charges amounting to Pagodas 1,343 had been paid.

[90] Repairs at the Cavalry Stations at Cannatore.. } 233 Already Replied to

[91 & 92] Relative to the State of the Public Buildings in the neighbourhood of Cuddalore } 234 We direct that you communicate to us the report Survey of these Buildings with your determination thereon..

[93 & 94] Surplus Saddles and Accoutrements of a reduced Corps of Cavalry distributed among the remaining Regiments at a fair valuation .. } 235 Need no Reply

[95 to 102] Recommending an increase to the Staff Allowances of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General..... } 236 Having given due attention to your several representations in favor of these Officers, and your Proceedings advised in your subsequent Letters of 2d. January and 13th. August 1799, we have taken into consideration the amount of the

Allowances

Allowances which the Officers holding these Appointments would be entitled to, if serving only Regimentally, and have determined that such staff Allowance shall be added thereto, as may afford a reasonable remuneration for the additional duties of the staff Appointments, in this view we direct that the staff Salaries to the Adjutant and Quarter Master General be fixed at 350 Pagodas pr. Month to take place from Receipt of this letter, and to be in full for every Allowance for the Staff appointment.

237 In addition to this the Officers holding these Stations are to receive the Pay and half Batta (or in the field full Batta) of their Regimental Ranks, when they are Field Officers or otherwise the Pay, Gratuity, and half (or in the field full Batta) of their Regimental Ranks.

238 Upon the same principles the Deputy Adjutant and Deputy Quarter Master General are to receive a Staff

Salary

Salary of 200 ⅓ Pagodas pr. Month each,
and to draw the Pay &c. of their Regimental
Rank in addition thereto –

239 Your Recommendation of
the 15th October 1796 in behalf of the
Adjutant and Quarter master General
is founded in a great measure upon
the comparison of their Allowances with
those drawn by Officers of the same
denomination in Bengal. On this
point we think it right to state our
explicit determination on no account
to listen to recommendations so founded.
It is unnecessary for us to detail all
the inconveniences that must arise to
our affairs were this consideration to
be made the rule of our conduct, or the
inequality which owing to local
circumstances it would finally esta-
blish at our different Presidencies,
it is sufficent to observe that the only

Arguments

Arguments to which we can pay attention in regard to your recommendations for encreasing any of your Establishments Civil, or Military, must be founded on the nature and extent of the Duties annexed to the Office so recommended and the exertions of the Servants holding the Office in the discharge of those Duties, thus we consider the only sound principle by which you should be guided in forwarding representations of the kind here noticed -

/103& 104/ Improvement in the construction of Ammunition Barrels and Boxes

240 For the reasons you have assigned we approve of the improvements ordered in the construction of Ammunition Barrels and Boxes.

/105& 106/ Relative to the Board's Orders not having been wholly complied with for the removal of the ammunition from the Mount after the mating

241 As you have stated that the loose execution of your Orders for the removal of the whole of the Ammunition from the mount to the Arsenal, after

after the Mutiny, originated with the late Commandant of Artillery, upon whose conduct we shall communicate our decision in a separate Paragraph; we have no directions to give you upon the subject, except to observe that it behoves the Military Board to be satisfied that whatever orders are issued by your Government, through their medium be strictly obeyed We wish to receive further explanation as to the list of Ammunition destroyed by the Order of Major General Gels, subsequent to your directions for the removal of the whole to the Fort which list accompanies the letter from the Military Board of the 26th. February 1796. and whether after a non-compliance with these directions, the destruction of the Ammunition contained in the list became an act of inevitable necessity

/107/ General Flowyds Inspection Reports — 242 Already Replied to.

/108 & 109/ Granaries to be stored with the usual quantity of Grain notwithstanding their present defective state — 243 We concur in the propriety of your reasoning upon the subject mentioned in these Paragraphs. We trust however, that upon the annual Survey report of the state of Granaries being made to you, immediate measures were adopted for putting them into proper repair, and keeping them so inorder to avoid a repetition of, or at least to diminish, the loss occasioned from time to time by the sale of damaged & unserviceable provision stores in the different Granaries.

/110 to 115/ Stores supplied the Kings Regiments Annual Accounts thereof will be sent home that the Court may determine who are to be charged for the expense of them — 244 It is highly proper to send us, annually an Account of the Issues of Stores &c supplied to the Kings Regiments serving at your Presidency. This Account should commence from the 24th December 1792, to which period

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all claims of the Public on the Company on account of the expense of the Kings Troops were declared by Act of Parliament to have been discharged.—

116 & 117 Referring to a Report of the Quarter Master General of His inspection of the Camp Equipage and Military Buildings to the Westward.

245 Already Replied to

118 & 121 Relative to the construction of a new Fort in the Baramahal

246 The late conquest and partition of the Mysore Dominions having as we conceive, entirely obviated the necessity of constructing a Fort in the Baramahal, we have no further directions to give you upon the subject. At the same time we think it necessary to direct that you take the opinion of a Committee of able and experienced Officers upon the propriety of destroying such of the small Forts in the Baramahal and Salem Districts as may not now be

considered

considered as any object in the general scale of defence of the Company's Territories extended, as they have recently been by the late Partition Treaty.—

/122 a 124/ Report on the Repairs required to the Fortifications of Fort St George

247 Your determination upon the Report of the Military Board relative to the repairs necessary to the works at Fort St. George has received our approbation. We observe what is stated by the chief Engineer, in his letter of 13th. May 1798 respecting the necessity of timely repairs in order to avoid the accumulation of expense which would otherwise arise from their being neglected. By a seasonable attention to this suggestion, and by a well applied, annual, though moderate Disbursement, we trust that the Fortifications, Public Works, and Buildings of your Presidency might be kept in perfect order, without the neces-

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of incurring a charge that upon the general scale of expenditure might otherwise bear hard upon the Finances of your Government.

[133 & 134] Conduct of Captain Lieutenant Wood the Superintending Engineer at Ormuz — 248 — Already Replied to —

[135 & 136] The building of a new Barrack in the Fort of Trichinopoly considered as unnecessary in consequence of the removal of the Infantry from Potore — 249 — Need no reply

[137] Salt Provisions and relative to the best means of preserving them in India — 250 — The Report from the Military Board referred to in the 345th & 346th Paragraphs upon the subject of ascertaining the best means of preserving Salt Provisions, has been perused and we trust due attention will be given to the suggestions for that purpose of Mr. Cockrane, the Contractor for victualling His Majestys Ships in India which form part of that Report. The recommendations of the Military Board, therein alluded to that three hundred Hogsheads of Beef and One hundred and fifty Hogsheads of Pork should be annually consigned to you

you from hence upon the Company's outward bound ships will be attended to; but as we conceive such supply may exceed your annual demands, we desire that in your Indent for Cavil and marine Stores you indent for such quantity only as may be required to keep up a proper stock

/139 & 141/ Tent Contract — } 251 Already Replied to.

/142 & 144/ Complaint of the Officer Commanding the Bengal Troops serving with the Nizam Against the Stores furnished from Masulipatam for the use of that Detachment } 252 It was with satisfaction we observed that upon enquiry, the Complaints alluded to in these Paragraphs was not well founded

/145/ Allowance of one hundred Rup.s p.r Month to the Deputy Secretary to the Military Board — } 253 Already Replied to

/146/ Enclosing a Statement of the whole of Provisions received from the Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Ships that the necessary adjustment may be made with the victualling office — } 254 Needs no Reply —

/147 & 148/

/147 & 148/ Gen Carnage Contract. - -
/149 & 151/ Army Cloathing Contract. -
/152 & 164/ Horses for Cavalry - - -
/165 & 178/ Increase of Pay to European Troops.

255 Already Replied to. -

/179 & 191/ Increase of Subsistence to Surgeons and Mates. of His Majestys Regiments under the King's Warrant of 30th. November 1790. -

256 We approve of your proceedings on this Subject. -

/192 & 195/ Officers embarking on Service allowed full Bedding and Diet. - - - -

257 This Measure appears to us to be perfectly equitable and has therefore our Sanction. -

/196/ Expence incurred by some Sick Men of the 52d. Regiment left in Hospital after the Regiment had embarked. - - -

258 We shall apply for repayment of this Expence. -

/197 & 199/ Loss sustained by the Company from the Exchange on the Coins in which the Troops in the Southern Districts are paid, and measures proposed for remedying the same.

259 We approve of the reference which has been made to the Board of Revenue upon the subject noticed in these Paragraphs, with a view to remove, if possible, the evil complained of, and its consequent loss to the Company by the

proceedings

proceedings of the Revenue Board we observe that the several Collectors in the Southern Districts had been called upon for information on the subject, but beyond the 28th May 1798 we had not been able to trace the progress of their enquiry or the final result.-

/190 & 192/ The Troops of the Rajah of Travancore serving in the Company's Forts & stores ordered to be returned and their Arrears discharged

200 We approve of your having ordered the return of the Travancore Detachment serving in the Garrisons of Madura and Palamcotah, after having discharged the Arrears due to them agreeably to the Treaty with the Rajah of Travancore of 1797.-

/193/ Army Cloathing Contract -
/194 & 195/ Revision of Mr Gowans Accounts

201 Already replied to

/196 & 197/ Evasive Conduct of General Cunningham in the Payment of Money due from him to the Company

202 We felt an equal degree of surprize with you at the evasive conduct of Major General Cunningham on being called upon to discharge a balance of retrenchment

retrenchment of Pagodas /4476/ four thousand four hundred and seventy Six, standing out against him so long ago as the year 1795, for Money actually drawn from the Treasury. His subsequent compliance, however, with your peremptory directions for the payment of this balance, has prevented that degree of censure from us which otherwise he would most certainly have experienced.

/1988/ 199/ Assembly of Troops on the Centre Division on preparation for hostility against Tippoo Sultaun — appointment of Major Dallas to be Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle to those Troops and returning to the regulations established for that Department —

203 In the consideration of the progressive measures which were adopted for the defence of the Companys possessions against the hostile designs of Tippoo and the French, and for furnishing the aggression of the former our attention was naturally drawn to the subject of a representation respecting certain radical defects in the establishment of the Army at your Presidency, which rendered the assembling a force equal to offensive movements a much more tedious and difficult

difficult operation than was at first appre
hended. These defects were certainly
felt at the time when offensive opera
tions against the Sultan were at first
in the contemplation of the Governo
General, and which not only compelle
him to abandon his original design,—
but so serious an impression did the
circumstance make upon his Lordship
mind, that in conjunction with his
Council, you were directed, with all
possible dispatch, to prepare "a plan
"for enabling a large portion of the
"Army on the coast to be in constant
"readiness to move against an enemy
"on a sudden emergency", you acknow
ledge that you had long been sensi
ble of the impediments which oppose
the movement of the Madras Army on
an emergency, and that you particu
larly felt it during the late armament,

enumerating

enumerating the following — The scattered state of the forces, the want of regular system for the speedy collection of Carriage Bullocks from the Country, and the inadequate store of Grain and other Supplies for the Provision of an Army in the field —

264 In consequence of these directions from Bengal, we observe that the Military Board were required to submit to you their Sentiments upon the best plan "for providing and keeping up a permanent establishment of Draft Bullocks for a field train equal to the one then under orders for movement, and for the speedy collection of Carriage Bullocks from the Country &c. &c." but we do not find that the Military Board made any answer to this reference, probably on account of the important objects, connected with

with the speedy equipment of the Army which at that time engaged their — preferable attention -

256 The Government General however seem still so impressed with — the necessity of some permanent — arrangement being adopted that they again express their expectations to — receive from you, with as much — dispatch as the nature of the subject would admit, "such further advises "as might enable them, in concert with "you, to frame a permanent system — "for the correction of those defects in "your Military establishment" which had been experienced.-

256 We are aware that the glorious termination of the War — against the Sultaun of Mysore in the complete conquest of his Domin-ons, their subsequent participation and

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the restoration of the ancient Family under the avowed protection of the Company has made a most material change in the Political state of affairs on your Side of India, by the destruction of an Enemy whose situation upon your borders and whose implacable enmity to the British nation, rendered him the constant object of alarm for the safety of our possessions upon the Coast of Commandel, and seems to have obviated the necessity of those permanent arrangements which were in contemplation, more especially when we consider that "the strong line "of frontier by which Mysore is now "protected, renders it impregnable — "either to the Nizam or the Marattas, "and facilitates to us the means of enter- "ing the Territories of the Peshwa or the "Nizam"

267 We are still however desirous of knowing your opinion, upon

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a consideration of the present political state of India, whether any and what permanent regulations ought to be adopted for remedying those supposed defects in your Military System which not only prevented your taking a part in any offensive operations with promptitude and dispatch, but which seem to have rendered you incapable of effectual resistance against any sudden attack, and from which but for the wise and energetic measures of the Governor General the most fatal consequences to the interests of the Company in India might have ensued; and that you report your opinion for our final determination.

208 We must repeat, that the present political state of affairs on your side of India, and the recent arrangements with the Soubah of the Decan and with the Rajah of mysore, so materially adding to our security, seem entirely to have

have obviated the necessity for the adoption of any permanent expensive establishments of Bullocks for your Artillery, a sudden invasion of the Company's Territories not being now probable, and the fortunate issue of the late War has evinced what energy, unanimity, discipline, Zeal and valour can accomplish when the occasion calls for their exertion.-

269 But to return to the subject more immediately before us in the 198th and 199th Paragraphs of the Dispatch to which we are now replying, namely, the appointment of Major Dallas to be Agent for Draft and Carriage Cattle for the Troops which were assembled upon the late occasion, and the regulations for that Department prepared by the military Auditor General, we have to express our approbation of the charge of this office having been put

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into the hands of so able and active an
Officer- We trust, however, that the
reduced state of the Cattle of the Army
before Seringapatam, a little time
previous to its capture which rendered
it wholly impracticable for General
Harris to avail himself of a Depôt of
Provisions that had been formed in the
Coorga Country was not occasioned by
any want of activity on the part of the
Agent- We trust likewise that
an enquiry has been made as to the
cause of the alarming and unexpected
deficiency in the provisions of that
Army, it having been represented to
us that on the 20th April the stock of
Rice remaining in Camp was only
sufficient to subsist the fighting Men,
at half allowance for a very short
period of time, and we direct that
you acquaint us with the result, and
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here we think it necessary to observe that as we have acquiesced in the most liberal allowances to officers appointed to stations of trust and responsibility, so we shall expect that the duties they have engaged to execute, on the due performance of which may ultimately depend the prosperity, if not the existence of the Company, will be discharged with zeal and fidelity.--

270 With respect to the regulations which were established for the Bullock Department we observe that they were considered by the Commander in Chief when in the field, as inapplicable to the circumstances under which the Cattle were produced for the late Service, you will therefore see the necessity of causing them to be revised.--

201 & 204) Appointment to the detachment serving with Mungo Park, and referring to a statement of the Extra expences of the Detachment

271 We approve of the appointments advised in these Paragraphs, and direct that

that you furnish us with an Account similar to that referred to in the 204 Paragraph of the actual expenses of the whole of the Detachment now serving with the Nizam in consequence of the late subsidiary Treaty concluded with his Highness by the Governor General, with the difference between the charges of that Detachment, including those of every denomination, and the amount of the subsidy stipulated to be paid by the Nizam under that Treaty.

205 & 206 Referring to a Statement of the charges of the several Corps of the Army on the Centre division. — 272 Need no Reply.

207 Establishment of Servants for the Department of Commissary of Grain & Provisions at Trincomalee — 273 We approve of the establishment of Servants for the Department of Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Trincomalee proposed by the Military Auditor General in his letter of the 11th September 1798.

/208/ Members and adherents of Pagodas (1890) eighteen thousand nine hundred and three to the Army Contracting Contractor — 274 — Needs no Reply

/209/ Copy of the Military Auditor General Book transmitted from Bengal for the guidance of the Military Auditor General at Fort St. George - — 274 — Needs no Reply -

/210 à 214/ Forwarding Statements of the Military Establishment 3d Fund 1798 Compared with former years explanation of differences &c — 275 — We have received the Statements referred to and agree with you in opinion that they are drawn in a very perspicuous manner. -

/215 à 217/ Appointing of a Committee for the examination of the Moluccas Accounts - — 276 — Already Replied to

/218 à 223/ Dutch Paper Funds at Columbo — 277 — The Government General certainly exercised a very commendable degree of discretion in declining to issue to the prize Agents of the Captors of Columbo the remainder of the eight P.r Cent Promisary notes held in reserve on account of the Dutch Paper until they were perfectly satisfied of the same having been actually cancelled that

that the Company might be completely indemnified against any charge on that account –

\224 a 227/ Ceylon 278 Should any observations or directions be necessary on the Subjects noticed in these Paragraphs, they will be included in our dispatches to the Governor of Ceylon..

\228 a 230/ General Stuarts Allowances } 279 Already replied to..

\231 & 232/ Detention of a Vessel at Point de Galle under Danish Colours as Dutch Property --- } 280 We expected that your recent Dispatches in August last, would have advised us of the result of the judicial proceedings respecting the Ship Susanna Amelia under Danish Colours which was seized at Point de Galle in December 1797 as Dutch Property. We however approve of your having authorized the Governor of Ceylon to dispose of her and to deposit the amount in his Treasury until the question of law respecting the property

Property shall have been decided as —
mentioned in those dispatches.—

/233 a 239/ French prisoners ——— } 231 We noticed the difficulties
you experienced in providing the —
means for removal of the French —
Prisoners of War — under all the circum-
stances however which have been stated
in thes and in your subsequent Dispatch
of the 15th February 1799, we approve
of your having engaged the Triton on
this Service under the protection of the
Company's Armed Ship Cornwallis.
In signifying our approbation of your
determination at a most critical conjunc-
ture, to rid yourselves of as many French
Prisoners as possible, and cannot but consider
the putting on board a Single Ship above
Six hundred Prisoners, any of whom —
were of the most desperate Character a
measure that nothing but absolute —
necessity could warrant.—

/240/ Mentions the Embarkation of two Dutch Officers — Prisoners of War on several of the Company's Ships.
/241/ Several old and infirm Dutch Officers permitted to return to Ceylon. ... } 282 Need no reply.

/242/ Allowance to the Widow of Colonel Chermont late Governor of Pondicherry. ... } 283 We trust that the allowance of /50/ fifty Pagodas a Month to the Widow of General Chermont has ere now ceased by her return to her friends at the Isle of France as we do not think it fitting that we should continue to be at any expense on her account. —

/243/ Courts of Justice at Pondicherry. ... } 284 Already replied to

/244 & 245/ Expences of French and Dutch Prisoners &c. ... } 285 You will continue from time to time, as already directed in a preceding Paragraph regularly to transmit to us similar accounts and statements.

/246 a 250/ Molucca's and relative to an intended attack upon Ternate ... } 286 The able manner in which Lieutenant Colonel Mennel resisted the application which was made to the

him by Captain Packenham, for furnishing a force from the Molucca Islands for the reduction of Ternate, entitles him to our approbation. At the same time we are concerned that any difference of opinion between Colonel Mc Neil and the Commercial Resident at the Islands should have called for your interference in describing the bounds of their respective Authorities. We trust that your directions upon that subject have obviated any cause for future difference.

/251/ Referring to their proceedings for the supplies to the Molucca Islands.

287. That we may have before us in one view a complete Statement of the amount of Stores, provisions and Money supplied the Molucca Islands since their surrender, as well as the Charges incurred previous thereto, and every other expense attending the capture and maintenance of the Dutch Settlements, we direct that such an account be prepared and transmitted to us.—

/252/ Advising the appointment of Mr Matthews to succeed Mr Cunningham as Paymaster and Commissary at the Molucca Islands — 288 Needs no Reply

/253 to 257/ Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Braun to be compensated for the Extra expences he incurred as Commandant of Molucca — 289 Lieutenant Colonel Braun having declared upon honor that the expences incurred by him in consequen of his appointment to be Governor of Malacca exceeded his allowances by Pagodas /1108/ one thousand one hundre and eight. Though he supported a very moderate establishment at that Settlemen and as you have declared your sense of his meritorious services in that situation we have been induced to direct that the beforementioned sum be reimbursed to Lieutenant Colonel Braun.

/258/ Advising the appointment of Captain Alexander Grant to be Town Major of Fort St George — 290 Needs no Reply.

/259 à 265/ Distribution of the Off Reckonings of 1796 Lieutenant Colonels Clarke and Oldham Not having been promoted before they returned from the Service not entitled to share Colonels Wynch and Bonneveaux to share only from publication of their Promotion Major Generall Bridges having returned in September 1796 Allowed full share, the two shares deposited in the Treasury Court — orders thereon requested

291 Under the orders contained in the 18th Paragraph of our Military letter of the 27th July 1796, you will observe that the Senior Lieutenant Colonels posted to and actually in India with the Regiments to the Commands of which Lieutenant Colonels Oldham and Clarke had been appointed, are entitled to the shares of the Off-Reckonings of those Regiments until other Colonels were appointed thereto, in consequence of the retirement of those two Officers

292 Your determination respecting Colonels Bonneveaux and Wynch sharing in the Off Reckonings, appears proper.-

293 We likewise approve your resolution respecting the share to Generall Budges.-

/266 & 267/ application from Colonel Grant the Chief Engineer for an Equivalent to off Reckonings

294 You are perfectly correct in the construction of the allowance granted to the Chief Engineer by the Orders of 8th Jan 1796 which

which was meant to include an equivalent for Off Reckonings and all other Contingencies.—

268 à 270 Conduct of Captain Pitman of the Corps of Engineers while employed in superintending the repair of Banks in the Chesapeake Howelly

295 Will be replied to in the Revenue Department—

271 à 275 Relative to the balance due from Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops

296 Already replied to.—

276 & 277 Discharge of a balance due to the late Bullock Contractors

297 Being satisfied with the explanation you have afforded upon the subject, we approve of your having discharged the balance due to the late Bullock Contractors agreeably to our orders of the 20th June 1797.—

278 à 283 Recommendation of Mr Cockburns Claims to Compensation for Services performed in his late Department of Commissary General

298 We cannot comply with your recommendation in behalf of Mr Cockburn's Claim for Compensation for Services performed by him in his late Department of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and it would be establishing

a precedent which might be productive of the renewal of old Claims, which even the Revenues of India would be inadequate to discharge - But as this Gentleman stands honorably distinguished for his official exertions during the Campaigns in Mysore under the Command of the Marquess — Cornwallis, we direct that you present him with Pagodas 2500 - as a testimony of our approbation of his conduct in the Departments he there held..

299 Although we have thought proper to notice Mr Cockburn's former Conduct in the Commissariate Department with this testimoney of our approbation, we direct that you abstain in future from recommending Rewards beyond the usual Allowances attached at the time to the station. As a Reward for the fidelity of their Conduct in certain laborious — situations, our Servants ought to look up

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to the occupation of offices of greater —
importance and emolument. —

284 & 287 / Recommending an increase of Salary to the Garrison Storekeeper —
288 & 290 / Adjustment of the Accounts of Mr Samuel Johnston late Paymaster at Portsmouth } 300 Already Replied to

291 & 296 / Expences of the Suffolk Tender — } 301 We have perused the report of the Committee appointed to examine and adjust the accounts of the Suffolk Tender, and approve of the balance due to Lieutenant Collier, amounting to Pagodas [8306.] eight thousand three hundred — and Six, having been discharged. —

297 & 298 / Captain Gillums proposal for a Telegraphic Establishment — } 302 We have perused Captain Gillums address of the 2. March 1798, proposing a plan for the establish= =ment of Telegraphs, and approve of your having declined the proposal —

299 & 303 / Captain Colin Mackenzies — } 303 Already replied to

304 / Major General Bridges appointed to the Staff upon the removal of Major General Gerls — } 304 Needs no reply —

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305 Major Allan appointed to the Command of the Corps of Guides

305 In the appointment of Major Readson on the 5th March 1798 to the Command of the Corps of Guides upon the Resignation of Major Allan you anticipated our orders in favor of that Officer contained in the 75th Paragraph of our Revenue Dispatch of the 2d of that Month, we have since been advised of Major Budsons resignation and of the appointment of Captain Orr to succeed him, of which we have already signified our approbation.

306 Captain Orr appointed to Command the Corps of Pioneers during the absence of Major Readson

306 Major Treadway Clarke appointed Commissary to Stores at the Presidency on the room of Captain Scott, permitted to proceed to England for his health

306 Said no reply

307 Bhoodyalands of Native Battalions granted the usual Horse-Allowances of Six Pagodas per Month

307 For the reasons which have been assigned we approve of the Horse

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of 161 Sic Pagodas a month to the
adjutants of Native Battalions

312 & 313 Brigade Majors attached to General Officers on the Staff - allowed at all times full batta instead of half Batta at the same as recommended

308 We very much doubt the necessity for granting the extra half Batta to Brigade Majors as a constant allowance although when they are attending on the General Officers the staff in the Field or on Tours of Military Duty there may be reasonable grounds for allowing this difference neither can we approve of Full Battas being allowed constantly to Aides de Camp Judge Advocate or other Staff officers mentioned in Captain Ogg's letter which must therefore be discontinued - it is contrary to the usual practice before the new arrangements and establishes a precedent which may encourage similar Claims from all the Staff Officers in the Service

/314/ Lieutenant Augustus H. Fraser Appointed Barrack Master in the Ceylon Division

/315/ Captain Cappper authorized to do the duty during the absence of Lieutenant Fraser at the Molucca Islands

309 Need no reply

/316/ Grant of a Pension to Captain Peter Moore who was cashiered for Drunkenness

310 In granting a Pension of Pagodas /30/ thirty a Month to Captain Peter moore, which, for his former good conduct during the seize of Wandewash in 1781, we have agreed to confirm the directions contained in the 4th. Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 9th. February 1792 have not been attended to, We therefore repeat that any recommendation for a Pension to Officers dismissed by the Sentence of a Court Martial must be submitted to our determination in the first instance

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/317/ Addressing the resignation of Several Officers

/318/ Captain Darke of the Artillery permitted on his own request to retire upon the non effective list.

/319/ Several Officers permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificates

/320/ Lieutenant Shower permitted to proceed to Bengal or eventually to Europe for his health

311 Needs no reply.

/321 & 322/ Lieutenant Colonel Cromwell Massey permitted to return to Europe on furlough and recommended for permission to retire with his rank

/323/ Several Officers permitted to return to England on furlough

/324/ Forwarding Copies of Sundry Courts Martial

/325/ Contains a list of Casualties

/326 & 327/ Application of the Officers of His Majesty's 72. Regiment for Compensation for the loss of Baggage

312 You acted very properly in referring the application in question to our decision.

/328/ Lieutenant Smithers of the 25th Dragoons granted the usual allowance of Passage money

313 We approve of your having granted Passage Money to an Officer of the

the 25th Dragoons returning to Europe on the Recruiting Service, but in all doubtful cases as before observed, you will refer the Parties to our decision -

/329 & 330/ Drafts of Men of the 36th ordered round to Bengal to be incorporated in to the 76th -

/331/ Non Commissioned Officers &c of that Regiment sent home on the Bombridge

/332/ Enclosing returns of the Officers &c embarked on Board several Ships

314 Need no reply

/333/ Reasons for detaining at Masulipatam the Company of Bengal European Artillery which the Government General had ordered to join the Hydrabad Detachment

/334 & 335/ The first Battalion of the 9th Regiment of Native Infantry in the Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Masulipatam Districts ordered to assemble at the latter Place with the ultimate view of its marching into the Centre of the Peninsula - - - - -

315 These and similar points relative to the distribution of the Troops which depend on local circumstances, though proper to be communicated for our information, do not require any particular observation from us -

/336/ Employment of the Pioneer Corps in repairing the Roads between the Military Stations -- 316

We have perused the Minutes of the Commander in Chief of 28th of September 1798, and approve of the employment of the Pioneer Corps in the manner therein mentioned -

/337/ Enclosing Certificates of Military Stores landed from Several Ships -- -- -- 317

Needs no reply -

/338 & 339/ A Retrenchment of Rs 252 two hundred and fifty eight being the difference between the Freight paid at Columbo to Captain Howard of the 72 and the regulated allowance for Passage Money to Europe 318

This circumstance was very probably noticed by the Military Auditor General for the purpose of enabling us to recover the difference either from Captain Howard or from the Commander of the Minerva -

/340 a 343/ Mentions that the Commanders of the Company's Ships have been ordered to receive on board and accomodate Military Officers returning to Europe at the rates specified in the Court's Orders of 1796 -- -- -- 319

Already replied to -

/344/ Lieutenant Conyon a French Prisoner of War permitted to return to Europe on his parole -- 320

Needs no reply

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/345 & 346/ Recommending that three hundred Hogsheads of Beef & one hundred & fifty Hogsheads of Pork may be annually consigned to Madras upon the Company's outward bound Ships. — 321 Already replied to —

/347/ Military Letter of the 15th October 1798 transmitting general returns of Fire Arms and Swords in the Arsenal of Fort St George and its Subordinate Stations also original returns of Ordnance and Military Stores — 322 In reply to this Paragraph we include our observations on the 41st and 42d Paragraphs of your Military Letter of the 27th March 1797, 5th and 7th Paragraphs of your Military Letter of the 7th October 1797, and 139th Paragraph of your Military Letter of the 19th February 1798, and acquaint you that owing to the great demand for Muskets for His Majestys Service we were notable to comply with the full amount of your Indent for the year 1796. We however think it necessary to observe that we sent by the Ships of the season 1796 Five thousand muskets by those of 1797 Eleven thousand Eight hundred, and by those of 1796 Thirteen

thirteen thousand which fully completed your Indent up to that period. We have likewise shipped 10,000 Muskets on the ships of the present season and have given orders for a further number to be provided which if procured will be more than sufficient to complete the quantity required by your military Indents, but as the difficulty of procuring small Arms still exists we cannot take precisely to what extent our orders may be complied with, we shall nevertheless continue to take such measures as appear to us most likely to prevent your feeling any inconvenience on this Head.

323 We are much displeased to observe that your military Indent is seldom drawn out with that correctness or attention to existing circumstances, which we from a desire to comply with

with your Demands could wish.-

324. In Proof of this Remark we observe that you constantly Indent for Cavalry Helmets Saddles and bridles notwithstanding our having for several years past declined sending out any of those Articles.-

325. You likewise annually Indent for Brass Barrelled Blunderbusses and Wall Pieces which are now seldom or ever used, also for a large quantity of Spirits of Turpentine an Article Dangerous to the safty of any ships it may be ordered on Board in consequence of which we desire that in future you will only Indent for such quantity of this Article, as is obsolutely necessary, you likewise Indent for double Headed Shot 24.-18.-12 & 9 Pounders which we conceive you have little or no demand for.-

326 You have also uniformly Indented for Military Cocked Hats of every Description although we have Invariably sent you Round Hats such as are used in his Majesty's Regiments on Foreign Service and which we are convinced must be more suitable to the climate and comfortable to the Men

327 There are likewise some Articles the Growth and Produce of the East Indies which we think are improperly included in your Indent to be supplied from Europe.

328 We therefore desire that in drawing out your Indents hereafter you will be particularly careful to expunge such Articles as are out of Date or useless or which may be obtained in the Country.—

/348/ Transmitting duplicate Copy of the Indent of Medicines and Stores for the year 1799 together with a List of useless Surgical Instruments sent on board the Busbridge

329 Agreeably to former references we now reply to the 215th Paragraph of your Military letter of 17th October 1797, and 205th and 206th Paragraphs of your Military letter of 19th February 1798. We are very much displeased at the very incorrect manner in which your medical Indent has been drawn out, there being in it more than fifty Articles above one third of the whole, in which there is an enormous disproportion between the demand, the annual expenditure and the quantity remaining in Store, and we transmit a number in the Packet a List of the Articles which have been reduced or otherwise altered upon considering your Indent, and to which the numbers set against the following Articles refer.—

330 The following are a few

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of the instances in which great inattention appears in drawing out your Indents —

331 The Orugo Ores [No 4] indented for is ten pounds; the annual expenditure is one pound, five ounces and there appears to be above nineteen pounds remaining in Store, the demand is therefore seventimes the annual expenditure notwithstanding the quantity in Store appears enough to last for fourteen years we have therefore entirely omitted ordering this Article

332 The avena excorticata [No 5] indented for is two hundred pounds the annual expenditure is not quite fifty Pounds and there are in Store three hundred and Sixty eight pounds enough for seven years we have therefore omitted ordering any of this Article, and as it is stated

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in the Indent that the Oatmeal is
generally spoiled which must be the case
as it cannot reach India tilll it is at least
one year old and after being kept that
length of time it is often musty, we are
of opinion that from fresh Rice or other
Grain which can always be procured
on the spot a gruel equally good for
such people can be prepared.

333 The Aqua Rosa /No 7/ indented for is one hundred Pints which is eighteen times the annual expenditure /lb 5½/ and there are eighty four pounds in store enough for fifteen years, we have therefore reduced the quantity of this Article from one hundred pounds, to twelve pounds which is still double the annual expenditure.

334 The Balsamum Tolulanum /No 9/ indented for is twenty pounds, the annual expenditure is three

pounds

pounds three ounces and there is in store twenty four pounds enough to last for seven years.

335 The Pulvis Acuta [℞] — indented for is six pounds the annual expenditure is one pound and three quarters, and there are above twenty five pounds in store enough to last for fourteen years, but before a third part of that time can elapse it will become perfectly useless. —

336 The Squills [℞] are a — valuable and active Medicine, but it is difficult to send them in any form in which their virtues can be preserved in a warm Climate, except one in a fresh state they cannot be sent, the dried Powder often becomes mouldy the vinegar grows ropy and loses its virtues in a short time even in this Country, the Tincture after the experience

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of ten years has been found to possess all the virtues of the Squills and may be kept any length of time in the room, therefore of the two hundred — pounds of the Acetum Scilla we have ordered one hundred pounds of the Tinctura Scilla which will keep for any length of time and is of more than twice the Strength of the Acetum Scilla. —

337 It being a circumstance of much importance that all kind of Medicines of the vegetable Kingdom should be as fresh as possible and therefore that the supply should be annual and in quantity nearly — equal to the annual expenditure, we have reduced the Semen Anisi &c, from one hundred pounds to fifty pounds which is still almost double the annual expence. —

338 Antimonium crudum /lb 3/

This Article should have been still further reduced for the supply in store is equal to sixe years consumption -

339 Acidum Nitrosum /no 6/ as there appears to be twenty two years consumption in store we have not ordered any of this Article to be sent -

340 Ammonia preparata /no 8/ We have not ordered any of this Article as there appears to be eight years consumption in store. -

341 Acid Vitriol Unos /no 9/ there is twenty two years consumption of this Article in store and in regard to the remaining Articles under this number the cause of reduction will appear upon inspection of the list beforementioned

342 Bals Copaiva /no 10/ We have reduced this Article from one hundred pounds to fifty pounds, because you have

have four years consumption in store and the Article is at present scarce that it can hardly be got of a good quality.-

343 Cortex Peruvian /No11/ We have increased the Peruvian Bark /it being a most essential Article/ to make it equal to the annual expenditure — and have therefore added five hundred pounds to the quantity indented for.-

344 Having increased the — common Peruvian Bark as abovementioned we have struck out the Red Bark /No 12/ altogether the quantity in store being equal to six years consumption and that Article now in the Market — being of a very bad quality.-

345 Herb Salvia /No13/ We have not only reduced this Article from the circumstance of there being nearly five years consumption but because it is of a perishable nature and its place might